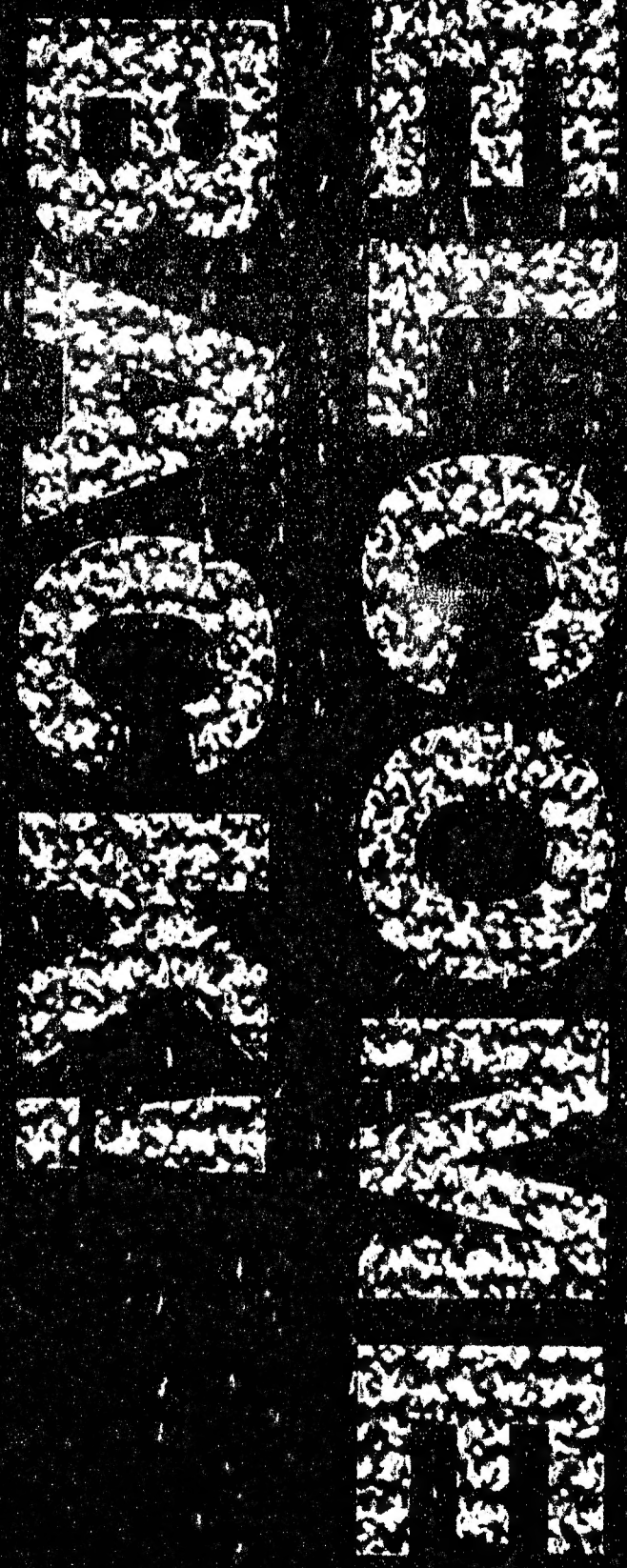
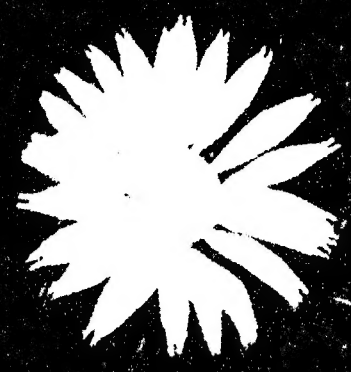


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More than 500 receive honors at summer commencement

JOSIE LOZA
NEWS EDITOR

UNO Professor William Wakefield and the late Neil Morgensen were among more than 500 UNO students and faculty and community members receiving degrees and honors at UNO's summer commencement, held Aug. 16 at the Omaha Civic Auditorium.

During the commencement, Wakefield and Pat Morgensen, the late Morgensen's wife, were both presented with the Chancellor's Medal, which recognizes their contributions for embodying the university's missions and values.

Wakefield is a professor in UNO's criminal justice department and has been serving the university since 1974.

During his time at UNO, he has been actively involved in teaching, research, community service and the criminal justice doctoral program.

Since 1976, Wakefield has conducted an annual study tour to London comparing the American and English criminal justice systems. He has accompanied more than 1,000 students on the tours.

Morgensen, who served UNO for 24 years, was the assistant vice chancellor of business and finance and director of facilities management and planning. He died April 17. He oversaw the construction of the Durham Science Center and the Weber Fine Arts Building.



photo by Chris Machian

Undergraduate students sit and wait to receive their diplomas. The ceremony, which was held at Omaha's Civic Auditorium Aug. 16, lasted about two hours.

Clair Fleener, assistant to the chancellor, said the medals are a means of recognizing extraordinary service to UNO.

"The award has existed since 1976," Fleener said.

No more than two people are awarded during the academic year. Full-time faculty or staff members who have performed an excellence in their profession are nominated for the award.

Others honored during the commencement ceremony:

•Rodrigo Lopez received the Citation for Alumnus Achievement from the UNO Alumni Association. The award is presented to graduates who have achieved distinction in their vocations.

Lopez is the president and founder of AmeriSphere Multifamily Finance, LLC. He serves on the Housing Impact Advisory Council of Fannie Mae, the board of governors for the Mortgage Bankers Advisory Board.

•Rosemary Skrupa received the Order of the Tower, UNO's highest non-academic award. The award is given to community leaders whose service and or financial support has made possible for the university to address the academic, cultural and economic needs of the people of Omaha and the citizens of Nebraska.

Skrupa is a former municipal court judge and two-term member

of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents.

•Dumitru Oprea received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree. Oprea is rector of UNO's sister university, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi in Romania, and director of the Iasi Romanian-American Business Development Center.

NU system faces \$15.3 million more in cuts

KRISTIN ZAGURSKI
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Nebraska Legislature's special session closed Aug. 15 leaving the NU system with over \$15 million less in funds for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

The cuts were about \$5 million less than the \$20.3 million that had been proposed by Gov. Mike Johanns but they will still have an "adverse impact" on UNO and the entire university system, said Derek Hodgson, UNO's Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

He said he is "very concerned" about these new cuts, which come on top of the \$15.8 million in cuts the university system has already taken for the fiscal year.

"We really don't have very much flexibility left," he said.

According to the state unicameral's Web site at www.unicam.state.ne.us, a minimum of \$100 million in budget reductions were necessary to ensure the state could meet its financial obligations.

The final approved cuts totaled \$108.8 million in general fund adjustments.

The cuts for the NU system absorbed almost \$15.3 million of those cuts, with UNO, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Kearney and the University of Nebraska Medical Center taking \$2.3 million, \$7.5 million, \$1.2 million and \$3 million in cuts respectively. The remainder of the funds, a total just over \$2 million, was cut from the NU Central Administration and the Nebraska College of Technical

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Students stand in line for new IDs, cards have new features and functions

KACIE GERARD
STAFF WRITER

New and current UNO students have until the end of September to get their new and improved student identification cards.

The new IDs are moving away from a semester-based sticker system to an online database to verify the status of students, said Todd Nelson, systems administrator for University Affairs and Communications.

"The design [of the new ID] is different and the functionality is different," Nelson said. "We can grow with this system, we couldn't with the other."

The new student cards have many new features and functions. For instance, a swipe access to the HPER building will be placed on the back of the card, while on the front a library bar code will be printed.

Unlike the old IDs, the new cards will not list the student's social security number on it.

New IDs are free to students and will be issued at two locations on campus.

Students can have their photos for the IDs taken from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Monday through Thursday and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will be issued through Sept. 27 in Room 110 of the Engineering Building.

"Another station at Milo Bail Student Center will be open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.," Nelson said.

The station in the student center is on the second floor in the Ak-Sar-Ben room.

For verification purposes, new students need to bring a photo ID, whether it is a driver's license or another picture ID. Current UNO students will need to bring their old student IDs.

Students should anticipate lines at both locations.

Nelson said the waiting line to



Junior Nate Waller poses for the camera. UNO is reissuing all students -- new and old -- IDs that will have a much more advanced functionality than the previous IDs.

photo by Josh Williamson

receive an ID has been taking about a half an hour.

If students do not get the new identification card by the September deadline, they will still have a later opportunity.

"They will need to go to the normal office if they don't (get the ID)," said Nelson. "There is still no cost after the deadline."



photo by Josh Williamson

Freshman Chris Self practices flipping himself upright from a capsized kayak during an OVC teaching seminar which was held Sunday as part of Welcome Week 2002.

'Mav Magic:'

Welcome Week 2002

KRISTIN ZAGURSKI
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Director of Student Organizations and Leadership Barb Treadway had trouble answering when asked which Welcome Week 2002 event should be considered the week's highlight.

She decided: "Students love the free food."

While free food is among students' favorite Welcome Week festivities, there is much more to the week than that.

Just ask the 17 students and staff members of the Welcome Week Committee who have been

planning the week's events since April.

The members of the committee brought new events to the Welcome Week celebration this year, including Sunday's kayaking in the HPER pool, Monday evening's lifeguard training and today's basketball hoop contest.

Also different this year is UNO Athletics' Pep Rally being held in the afternoon as opposed to in the evening as it was last year.

Treadway was able to pick a few highlights other than the food.

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New anti-terror law affects University Library

JOSIE LOZA
NEWS EDITOR

A new anti-terrorism law has some librarians worried about betraying the Library Bill of Rights promotion of intellectual freedom.

The USA PATRIOT Act grants the FBI easier access to library patron's records. The act's name stands for Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism. It was passed by Congress and signed by President Bush in October.

Jan Boyer, dean of UNO's library, said the confidentiality right is absolutely essential.

"The Library Bill of Rights guarantees privacy," she said.

The FBI may not be able to track down much of UNO's records because the computer system doesn't archive records. The library only has a record of what patrons currently have checked out. Dorothy Willis, circulation manager for University Library, said record of what has been checked out disappears once the book is returned.

From the months of January through June, 58,292 books were checked out of the library.

UNO's library has never had

an issue where someone's privacy was violated.

"It's one of those things that we stand on," Boyer said.

For instance, if a student needs a book that is already checked out, the librarian or assistant won't tell the student who currently has the book. Instead, the student will be placed on a hold list.

Boyer said she really considers these things to be confidential but certainly would cooperate if the FBI came to UNO's door.

She doesn't see the act as being a real problem.

"Academic libraries don't have these things happen," she said.

The act will not affect university libraries as much as it will public libraries.

"It's much easier to get a library card through a public library," Boyer said.

The act includes new surveillance laws and allows the government to issue search warrants to obtain education and business records, including those of libraries.

Boyer said that as our nation works through terrorism "we walk a fine line to wanting a safe nation and impending on people's lives."

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Alcohol may improve others' looks

PATRICK TIMMONS

DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS-AUSTIN)

A recent alcohol study by two Scottish universities found that beauty may be in the eye of the drunken beholder.

The effect of alcohol on the brain's "pleasure path" may explain the so-called "beer goggles effect," or why drinking can make people more attracted to each other.

Barry Jones of the University of Glasgow and Ben Jones of St. Andrews University presented 80 students from the University of Glasgow with color photographs of 120 students from St. Andrews. The researchers then asked the students to rate the attractiveness of the photos on a seven-point scale — one being highly unattractive, seven being highly attractive.

The researchers found that after about one or two drinks, men and women were 25 percent more likely to find faces of the opposite sex attractive.

In the study, to be presented at the International Congress on Behavioral Medicine in Finland next week, the researchers suggest that alcohol stimulates the nucleus accumbens, the part of the brain used to measure facial attractiveness. The stimulation of the nucleus accumbens is equal for men and women, even though other studies have shown that women's susceptibility to the effects of alcohol is greater than that of men.

Whatever the susceptibility, Julie Gerber of the American Council for Drug Education said that men and women should exercise responsibility when they drink.

The ACDE, which runs a Web site called "Facts on Tap," estimates that among students involved in "acquaintance rape," 55 percent of women and 75 percent of men were drinking or using drugs at the time of the rape. As many as 70 percent of college students admit to having engaged in sex because of alcohol.

Gerber said that one way to avoid unwanted advances is to not be alone with an acquaintance.

Carl Erickson, a University of Texas at Austin pharmacology professor and an expert in science education, said the study reveals "a discovery out of the blue" but cautioned that there is no other research with which to compare the findings.



Bartender Kristianne Hofmann enjoys drinks with Ray's Steakhouse managers Ryan Turner and Luke Jensen at Cain and Abel's on the corner of 24th and Rio Grande streets in Austin, Texas. A recent study suggests alcohol stimulates an area of the brain responsible for finding others attractive. Though women are often more susceptible to alcohol's effects, the stimulation seems to be the same in both women and men.

Erickson said the research seems to add to our understanding about the way alcohol inhibits judgment and may provide a reason why people engage in risk-taking behavior.

Chuck Roper, a coordinator for alcohol and drug education at University Health Services, said most people recognize that alcohol lowers inhibitions.

Roper, one of two UHS alcohol-abuse counselors, said his office provides individual, group and peer counseling for students with questions and concerns about alcohol and substance abuse.

"[At the] beginning of the school year there is a lot of risk-taking behavior among freshmen," Roper said. "People do make those poor decisions and regret it."

Roper said he advises students to act responsibly when they drink, to plan their evenings before they go out by writing plans down and taking them with them. Students should not drive when drunk and should remember to take advantage of programs such as the University's Designated Driver Program, Roper said.

News from around campus

JOSIE LOZA
NEWS EDITOR

Check out the Library

Tours of the University Library will be available through Aug. 30. The tours are provided upon request at the Library Reference Desk from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mentors needed for Aguante Project

The Aguante Project — a community-centered mentoring program for at-risk Omaha Latino students — is currently seeking mentors. The UNO School of Social Work operates the program.

Mentors must be 21 or older. Participants will assist Latino youth at Field Club Elementary for one academic year.

Mentors will receive training from the Aguante staff and will spend one hour per week at the elementary, located at 3512 Walnut St. The scheduled hours are from 3:45 and 5 p.m.

For more information about the project, contact Theresa Barron-McKeagney at 554-2923 or Alberto Cervantes, community coordinator, at 733-2720.

Artwork so fresh, it's still wet

UNO's Art Gallery will open the 2002 season Aug. 30 with sculptures, paintings and prints. A collection of works will be provided by Bruce Humphries, Traci Tullius and Mark Florance, MFA graduates from the University of Kansas. The trio's works will be on display through Sept. 20. An opening reception is set for 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday. The gallery is located on the first floor of the Weber Fine Arts Building. Admission is free and gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact Nancy Kelly at (402) 554-2796.

Shed those summer pounds

A Weight Watchers information session will be held at 1 p.m. on Sept. 4 in the HPER building, Room 103. Interested students are welcome to join the next 10-week session, which begins Sept. 11. For more information, contact Kane Miller in Campus Recreation at 554-3917.

Walkie-Talkie for a good cause

UNO team captains and pledges are sought for the annual National Conference for Community and Justice Community Walk-A-Thon set for Sept. 15. The event will be at the Heartland of America Park, 8th and Douglas streets, at 2 p.m. Team captains are responsible for gathering pledges. Participants will

choose to walk 3 or 5 miles.

NCCJ raises funds to support diversity for youth leadership programs and celebrate inclusion in the community.

If you would like to become a captain, walk or make a pledge, please contact Sharon Ulmar or Valerie Cannon at 554-2311.

Pour on the salsa

Campus Recreation will offer Latin and Swing dance lessons this fall. Two classes will be offered on eight consecutive Sundays beginning Sept. 8. The session is four weeks long. For more information about fees or to register, stop by the HPER building, Room 100 or call Dave Daniels at 554-2539.

Free STD screening

UNO's Student Health Services will offer free STD tests to students. Confidential testing for STDs and AIDS/HIV must be scheduled. Free condoms are also available at the center for students. For more information, call Tricia or Julie at 554-2374.

Eating disorders support group

The UNO Women's Resource Center is sponsoring an eating disorders support group led by student

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Campus crime log

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KRISTIN ZAGURSKI
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July 26

4:30 p.m. Visitor reported theft from their vehicle parked in Lot D.

July 30

9:09 a.m. Staff member reported suspicious person in University Library.

5:38 p.m. Student reported theft of personal property from the Milo Bail Student Center.

Aug. 1

4:34 p.m. Staff member reported theft of personal property from the Milo Bail Student Center.

Aug. 4

12:34 a.m. Campus Security Officers were dispatched to University Village regarding a disturbing the peace complaint from an unidentified individual.

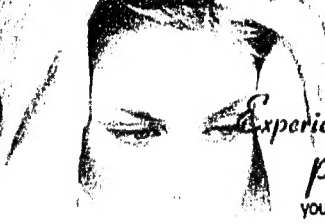
Aug. 5

4:20 p.m. Student reported theft of property from their vehicle parked in Lot 7.

Aug. 12

8:04 p.m. Student reported being assaulted by another student in the Durham Science Center.

The Daily Crime Log is a matter of public record and can be viewed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays in the offices of Campus Security, EAB 100.



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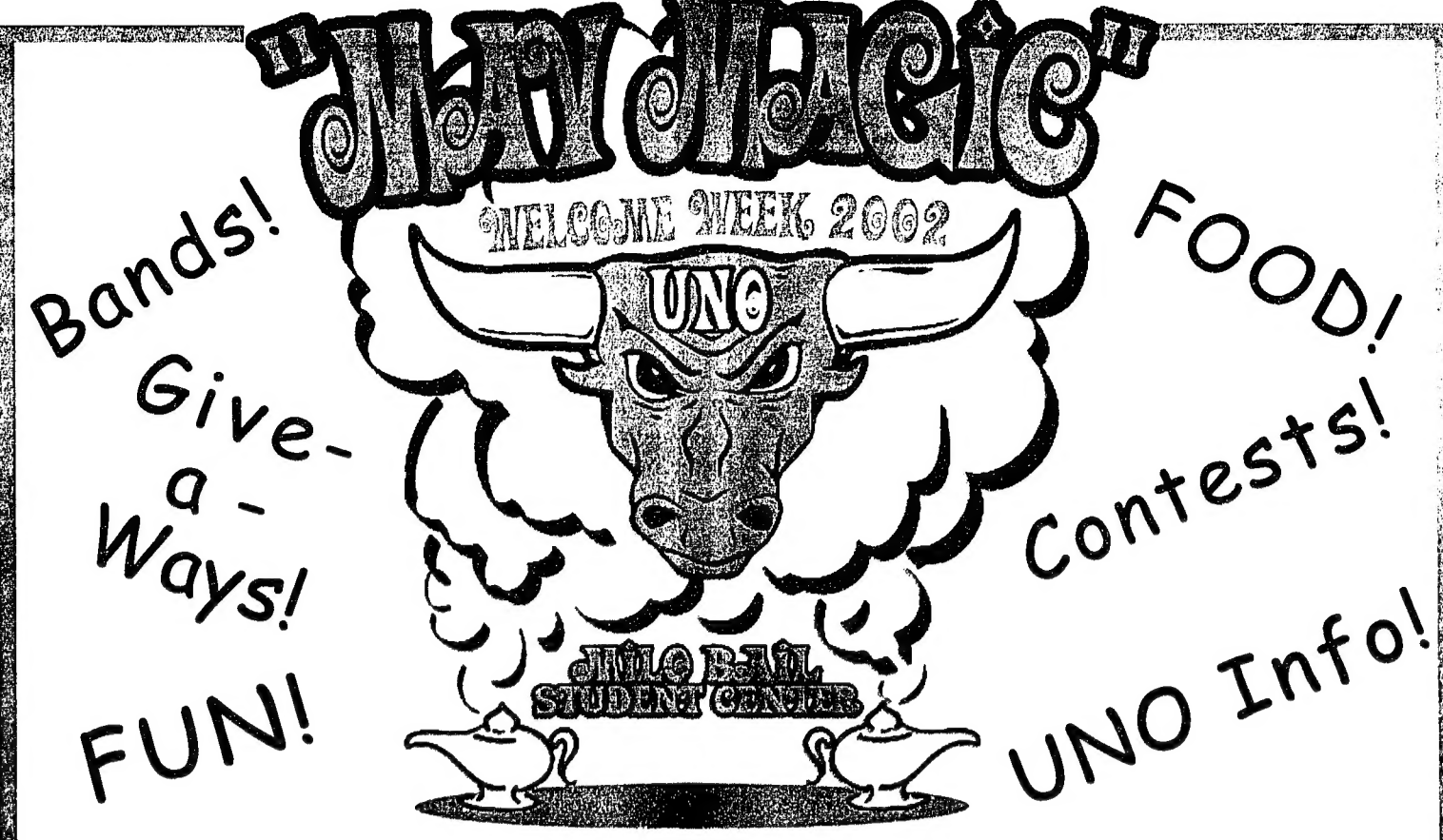
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TUESDAY, Aug. 27th

11:30 - 1pm - Milo Bail Student Center Plaza
 Band: NORMANDY CIRCLE. Food: Sloppy Joes, chips, pop.
 Enjoy: Psychic Suzanna, Bbhoop.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 28th

11:30 - 1 pm - Milo Bail Student Center Plaza
 Band: ANCHONDO. Food: Hotdogs, chips and pop sponsored by Union Pacific.
 Enjoy: a pie-eating contest.

11:30 - 1 pm - Peter Kiewit Institute Plaza (south campus)
 Enjoy Hotdogs, chips and pop and other activities also sponsored by Union Pacific.

THURSDAY, Aug. 29th

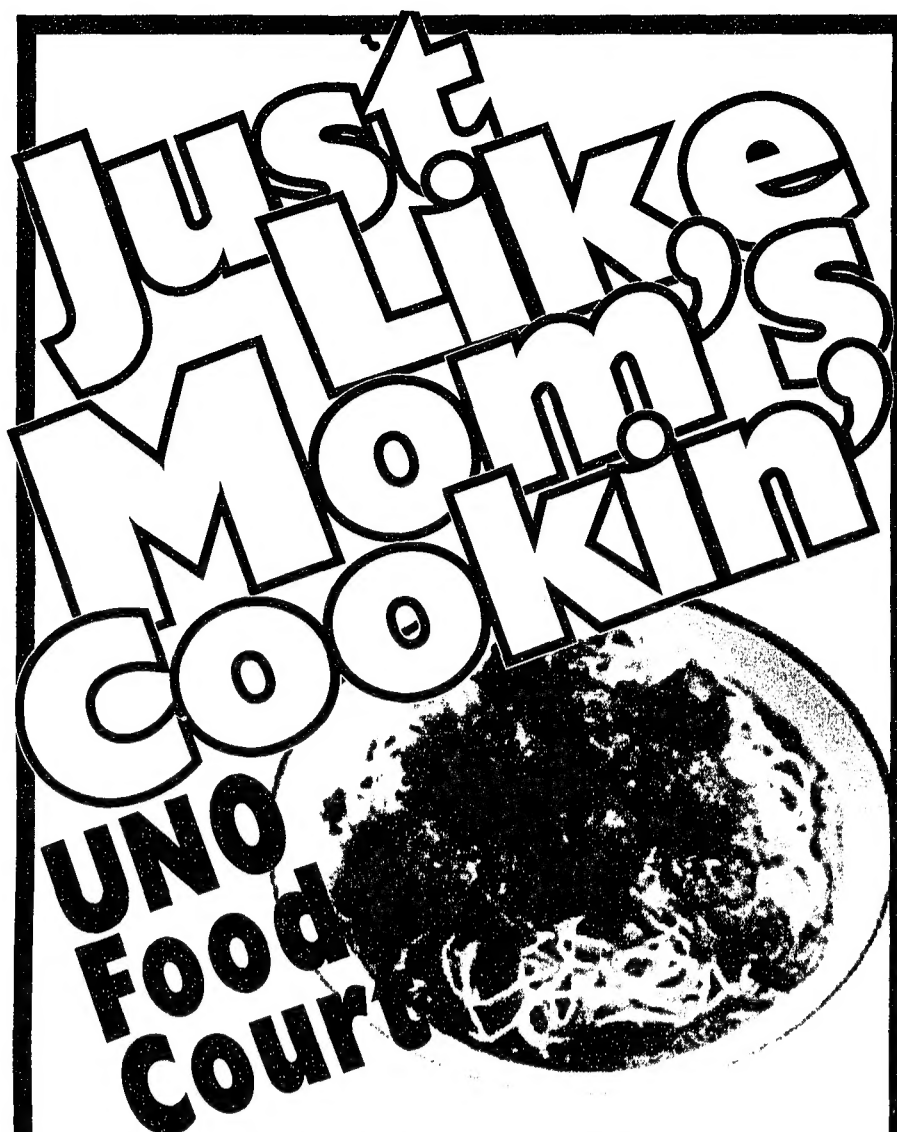
11:30 - 1 pm - Milo Bail Student Center Plaza
 KBUL DJ. UNO Athletics PEP RALLY,

Clubs and Organizations Fair -
 meet UNO campus activity groups and get involved.

8 pm - Mav Football, vs. UNK, Free with UNO ID.

FRIDAY, Aug. 30th

11:30 - 1 pm - Milo Bail Student Center Plaza
 Enjoy a KBUL DJ



Tomassito's - Italian Cafe with homemade and fresh baked pizzas, pane bread with marinara, assorted pastas and sauces, homemade lasagna, calzones and our caesar chicken salad and garlic rolls.

The American Grill - Old-fashioned hamburgers, grilled chicken breast and fish sandwiches. Chicken strip and shrimp baskets with dipping sauces. Visit the Grill for breakfast where you will find fried or scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, bagel sandwiches and much more.

Durango's Deli - Sub shop featuring Hormel meats on hoagie buns. New toaster subs including ham and cheese, BLT's, turkey clubs and Philly's. Durango's Sandwich Express features gourmet "grab and go" sandwiches as well as homemade soups

The Rice Place - Freshly prepared toppings served with your choice of rice.

Garden Greens - Salad bar which offers many toppings for your salad greens, as well as pasta salads, fresh fruits and vegetables and variety of salad dressings.

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Undergrad PKA member receives fraternity's highest honor

BETH FLYNN
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Trevor Clark, president of the Delta Chi chapter of UNO's Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, was named to the International Supreme Council during the Pi Kappa Alpha International Convention held Aug. 3-7.

More than 208 members applied for this honor and Clark was one of the two undergrads selected.

The International Supreme Council consists of 210 international chapters who elect 200 grads to serve as the board for the council. The board consists of an alum president, vice president, legal counselors and two undergraduates.

"It's an honor to be elected, I'm looking forward for a unique opportunity and traveling a lot," Clark said.

Being named to the Council is the highest honor within the fraternity that can be awarded to undergraduates.

Clark, a senior, is currently majoring in management information systems and is involved in a number of organizations.

He is also a part of the Inter-Fraternity Council, which oversees some greek fraternities on campus.

With a GPA of 3.96, he is involved in many honors societies and programs.

"I'm not sure what to expect of this, but I am looking forward to it," Clark said.

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Agriculture.

The bill that appropriated the cuts, LB 2, passed by a 45-1 vote.

NU President L. Dennis Smith testified in front of the Legislature during the session, which began July 30, and urged them to make higher education a priority in Nebraska and reduce the amount of the cut.

According to a press release, Smith said that it is unfair that while the university system represents 16 percent of the state's budget it is being asked to shoulder 32 percent of its reductions.

University officials are now faced with the arduous task of deciding what programs or positions to eliminate to cover the financial deficit the university system now faces.

Smith said the university's system of

dealing with cuts is: "To preserve its core mission — undergraduate education; to aggressively seek federal and private grants and contracts to support its research programs and to continue to provide services if statewide funding is available."

He said a state statute set's the university's priorities in the following order: 1) teaching, 2) research and 3) outreach and public service.

Smith said in July that the cuts could lead to the reduction of majors offered and the elimination of tenured faculty members.

Each of UNO's vice chancellors will submit proposals to Chancellor Nancy Belck in early September, who will make recommendations to Smith.

Smith will announce the final decisions on the cuts sometime in mid-November.

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volunteer Lacy Link. The session starts Sept. 9. The group will meet Mondays from noon to 1 p.m. in the Women's Resource Center Office. For more information, contact the Women's Resource Center at 554-2730.

Don't play follow the leader — become one

UNO's Student Organizations and Leadership Programs will host the 2002 Fall Leadership Conference on Sept. 21. The conference will run from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and costs \$12. This fee includes breakfast, lunch, a T-shirt and conference materials. For more information, call Barb Treadway at 554-2711.

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"We're going to have a lot of great bands," she said.

She also said Psychic Suzanna's Tuesday appearance and Thursday's Clubs and Organizations Fair are don't miss events.

This year's welcome week is sponsored by the Milo Bail Student Center. Student Affairs staff members and UNO students also help supply the manpower needed to pull off the weeklong celebration.

Corporate sponsors Union Pacific and UPS also make contributions to make the week a fun and festive one.

Treadway said there has been a formal Welcome Week celebration at UNO for about 10 years now.

She said up until the three years ago the celebration was called Welcome Back Week, but was changed to Welcome Week so that first-year students were included in the title.

"Welcome Week is for everyone," she said. "It's for students, faculty and staff to join in the festivities, mix and mingle and get to know each other."

"We want it to be a happy, fun, festive environment so everyone can enjoy all of the activities."

Mav Magic Events

Tuesday, Aug. 27

Band: Normandy Circle

Food: Sloppy Joes, chips and pop

Activities: Psychic Suzanna, PopNShot or bbhoop

Wednesday, Aug. 28

Band: Anchondo

Food: Hot dogs, chips and pop sponsored by Union Pacific.

Activity: A pie-eating contest

Thursday, Aug. 29

Music: KBUL DJ

Activities: UNO Athletics Pep Rally and the annual Clubs and Organizations Fair

Friday, Aug. 30

Music: KBUL DJ

All events will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center Plaza.

WHAT ADVICE CAN YOU OFFER TO INCOMING FRESHMEN?



"Get involved and enjoy it while you can."
Jennifer Rutan, junior



"If you are in athletics, keep your grades up."
Joey Ertkamp, track throwing coach



"Don't do what I did."
Josh Phelps, graduate student

"Be open to meeting as many people as possible."
Mandy Neneman, junior

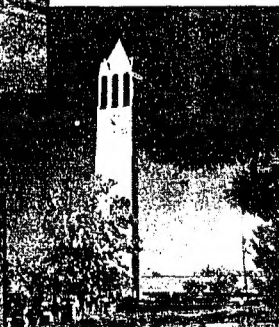


"Be as crazy as possible."
Molly Miller, sophomore

Photo: Josh Phelps

Welcome to UNO...

The new semester is always a time of discovery and opportunity, so please take full advantage of the many activities both in the classroom and on campus.



Have a great semester!

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Un-American? Taking time out to pause and gaze at the sky

I was on the sidewalk outside the UNO campus and I had no idea what I was doing there. I was lost, that much I knew. Lost, that is, in mind and not in space. I was looking at the sky. Cars zoomed by, pollen seeds wafted round my head, kissed my cheeks, assaulted my sinuses ... What was I doing? How did I get there? I had come to the school to get my schedule worked out, stopped briefly at the international students' office and hurried to the road to try to catch the number something bus to the CrossroadsTC. But here I was standing on the sidewalk, looking at the sky and evoking curious glances from the good people who sped past in their cars to work, to work, to accidents, to work, to romance, to work, to work and to work.

Was this proper behavior for American society? The thought crossed my mind, but wasn't strong enough to take my eyes off the sky. About 30 minutes had gone by before I sensed that I wasn't alone. I was

Coming to America



Fisayo Adejuyigbe

near a park but that wasn't it, because it was empty. It was then I noticed a long yellow bus, filled with little children staring and ... giggling at me? I glared at the traffic lights, which remained stubbornly red, and kept the bus long enough in its present location for the children to relish the sight. There was nothing I could do, save maintain an impassive face and continue looking as fixedly as I could into the distance and into nothingness. But I love children and I thought, well why not make this a delight for two? I stared back at the children as hard as I could and they ducked their pretty little faces behind the windows. Their guide, presumably their teacher, politically correct American adult that she was, ignored me completely. She probably had her mind programmed to recognize people in such situations as myself as transparent forms of something or reincarnations of the invisible man. But the children! They pointed, waved and probably thought "What's wrong with that

man?" I let the ghost of a grin fleet momentarily across my lips and the reaction in the bus was amazing. The news, I am sure, must have spread round the mobile community and very soon, the entire community had gathered at the windows, peeping, waving, staring, smiling and baring teeth. It was a unique opportunity for the life forms that had the reputation of omniscience in the community to deliver their expert explanations about why a fellow would stand on the same spot for so long, with what looked obviously like heavy backpack and stare at the road. That I was an alien was certain. What wasn't so certain was whether I had come from a more or less advanced civilization. If I came from a more advanced civilization, why was I mesmerized by the American road, the symbol of a fast, lab rat-in-a-maze, do-it-yourself society and the epitome of all civilized peoples? If I came from a less advanced civilization ... well, that explained everything. The only problem with that was, I would have loved to tell my little friends ... I wasn't staring at the road. I was gazing at the sky.

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Swingin' on our bellies

"Mommy, I swung high on the swings today," said my 6-year-old daughter when I picked her up from school. "I was scared and shaking but I just kept swinging."

That night I told my husband about our daughter's victory. It had taken all summer just to convince her to swing upright in the swing, rather than lying on her stomach. We were amazed that all it took to get her to swing was a few encouraging kindergarten peers.

How many of us are swinging on our bellies, hanging fearfully, particularly in the area of college and graduation? Let's face it, while there are professors out there we dread, the fear of failure beyond graduation is enough to keep anyone clinging to the most secure position.

I'll admit it; I am scared that my talent and education will not be enough. Like many UNO students, I have a spouse and children who are counting on me to succeed. What happens when we don't succeed? Can't we just be students forever?

As a good friend of mine put it, "For those of us who have spent the majority of our time at home with kids, [a professor's] praise and acceptance has become addictive."

In college you are where someone wants you. The professors want to see you succeed and they applaud your academic growth at every turn. As a student you are never asked to do more than you can handle and there is always some sort of safety net below you when you bite off more than you can chew. Not to mention the fact that you are rewarded every four months for your efforts by a grade.

In comparison, a career rewards you with pay raise once a year and the only safety net is your savings account. It's no wonder we're a little apprehensive about moving on.

So here we sit clinging to the chains of college courses meant to support us in our future careers. We dangle our feet above the sandy safety net we will soon need to leave. We might fall off, or we could begin swinging higher than we'd ever allowed ourselves to dream.

As students and parents we have our very own cheering team. A spouse, our family and smiling little ones could not be a greater encouragement. We have been able to accomplish near magic in the minds of our adoring children. We can succeed at anything we do in their eyes.

So let's take another look at this swing we are sitting in and why we are so scared to get it going. We've spent anywhere from four to 10 years working on classes that have lead us to this point. We have succeeded at some things and failed at others. In each instance we have learned lessons which will push us a little higher on that swing in the career world.

We have pored over books while trying to keep our children happily occupied. We have creatively cooked dinners while trying to memorize equations and theories. We have fretted over childcare facilities for our children while trying to figure out how we are going to pay for our textbooks.

If we have successfully accomplished this, we have

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Lets Talk Kids



Jennifer Mullins

The nightmare scenario?

Yes, we can invade Iraq quickly, but how soon can we get out? What would be the price? These questions are being mulled inside and outside the government, with mixed reactions from U.S. officials as well as from our friends and allies.

The war with Iraq has never stopped. What Gen. Schwarzkopf signed with the Iraqis in the tent on February 1991 was no more than a cease-fire or a truce at best. In April 1991, the terms of the cease-fire were spelled out in U.N. Resolution 687, mandating that Iraq destroy all its weapons of mass destruction, without conditions. Resolution 687 was passed under the auspices of Chapter 7 of the U.N. Charter, allowing the use of force if the resolution is breached or otherwise not implemented.

Indeed, force was used against Iraq in 1993 in response to troop deployments threatening Kuwait. Iraq was hit again in 1994 in retaliation for the assassination attempt on George Bush Sr. In 1998, the campaign against the Iraq and the frequency of strikes intensified after U.N. Resolution 1205 was passed. This resolution considered Iraq to have violated Resolution 687 by not allowing U.N. weapons inspectors back into the country to resume their work. In short, there are sufficient violations of the terms of the cease-fire to justify continuing U.S. military action.

However, what is being planned here is an invasion to topple the regime of Saddam Hussein. Can the United States find a sufficient legal basis for that particular purpose? I believe so, given Iraq's open defiance of the terms of the cease-fire and subsequent Security Council Resolutions. What are we waiting for then? Well, a few problems still need to be addressed.

In the first place, the question is one of moral justification. For one thing, the pretext of getting rid of Hussein and implementing a democratic regime does not have the support of our European and Arab allies.

But there is also some dissent on the issue inside the Bush administration and within the ranks of Congress for various reasons. Even Republicans are questioning the impact of such a move on the war in Afghanistan. Many more are worried about the possibility of implicating Israel

in the conflict and throwing the whole region into a nuclear conflict.

Colin Powell, relying on support from Republican realists, is trying to convince more Hawkish elements, such as Cheney and Rumsfeld, to take a more balanced approach towards Iraq and to think carefully before leaping into a full-scale invasion. After all, other avenues can be explored. For example, we have not given adequate support to internal opposition. We can also or apply more diplomatic and military pressure, short of invasion.

In addition to the political wrangling, we need to ask what would be done if Hussein, fearing the worst, decides to use chemical or biological weapons against our allies, such as Kuwait or Saudi Arabia? What if he desperately attempts to strike or retake Kuwait? How far can Hussein be pushed before he can rationalize such actions? Hussein has used chemical weapons against Kurds when he was confident he would not have to suffer any consequences. What would he do if knows his end is near?

Most importantly, who is going to pay the bill, especially if there is a high cost of American lives? In 1991, the Saudis and Kuwaitis compensated the U.S. generously for its protection. For one thing, we enjoyed a decade of record low oil prices. Nowadays, the Saudis are singing a different tune. We can comfortably assert the Saudis are not refusing to foot the bill for the love of Hussein. More likely, the Saudis, as well as our European friends, are concerned that a major attack on Iraq could destabilize the region, to everyone's chagrin.

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Sports dilemma:

Baseball's risks becoming irrelevant

KNIGHT RIDDER/TRIBUNE NEWS
SERVICE

Negotiators always start singing and dancing loudly when a deadline looms. The cries coming from baseball's owners and players as the Aug. 30 strike deadline approaches are part of the two-step of any negotiation.

But owners and players must worry about another dimension: They could harm themselves as much as the steel industry damaged itself with perpetual management-labor problems.

For one thing, how will baseball look going on strike while Americans are calling forth their best instincts when remembering the anniversary of Sept. 11? Pretty absurd. Americans will have no interest in a millionaires' quarrel. The only distinctive feature will be how greedy and irrelevant the sport seems.

There's also the fact that baseball finished its last strike only seven years ago, which fans remember well. Since then, the sport has had its first \$250 million player. And many club payrolls run well into eight digits. Some, like the New York Yankees' and Texas Rangers', total more than \$100 million annually.

The astronomical salaries, plus the huge sums that owners receive for selling their franchises, prove that baseball has plenty of money for all sides to enjoy. The question is how to spread it around.

The most sensible option is a better form of sharing revenue among teams. The disparities between different clubs' payrolls threatens baseball's competitiveness.

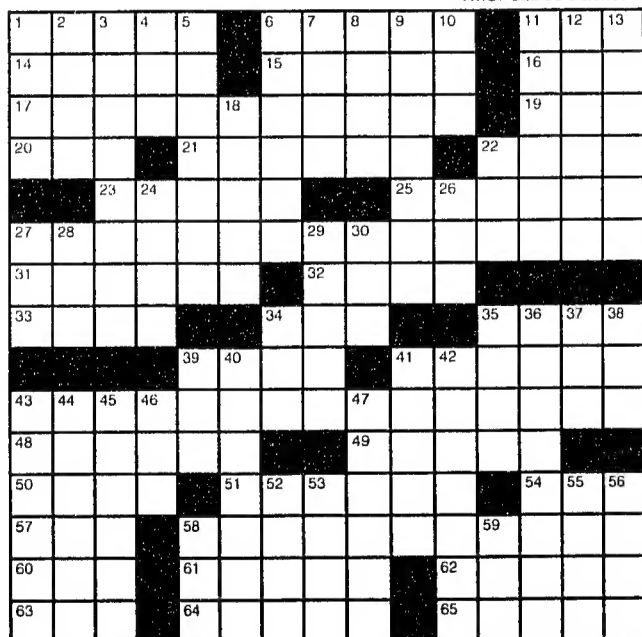
Like it or not, players must accept a so-called luxury tax, where wealthy teams pay a sharp fee to the league for exceeding a payroll threshold. Owners want that limit around \$102 million. Players want it closer to \$140 million. Whatever the figure, it must be enough to create a fund that other teams could draw upon to field more competitive teams.

Irony abounds as major leaguers threaten another strike. Little Leaguers are holding their own World Series this week. The contrast between 12-year-olds swarming all over each other after a victory and owners and players griping about their millions could not be greater. Sure, baseball is a business. But it will lose the nation if it overlooks the joy that those 12-year-olds bring to the field. Both sides forget that point at their own peril.

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Ideas aren't the bogeymen of college

LINDA P. CAMPBELL
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

One word to parents who may be sending their youngsters off to college: "ideas."

They're lurking everywhere.

Your children may be introduced to ideas at unexpected moments, from unforeseen sources. These ideas may be exotic, unvarnished, disturbing, comforting, unexpected, enticing, repugnant, confounding and outlandish.

And those are just the ones bandied about by their friends.

If you're getting your money's worth, the school will challenge your child to defend their opinions, explain their beliefs and contrast ideas both familiar and foreign.

In other words, to think. To grow — emotionally, intellectually and socially. To prepare to meet, greet and engage in the process of being a contributing member of society.

That's a university's job.

But it apparently scares some folks so silly that they'll sue to prevent a school from doing it.

Thus comes James Yacovelli, et al. v. James Moeser, et al., in which lawyers from the American Family Association Center for Law & Policy claim that the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is "indoctrinating students in the religion of Islam" by assigning incoming freshmen to read, write about and discuss a book on the Koran.

The UNC summer reading program requires new undergraduates each year to read a specified book, write a one-page response to it and take part in two-hour noncredit seminars, which have been scheduled for next week.

This year, the featured text is "Approaching the Koran: The Early Revelations" by Michael Sells, a comparative religion professor. The book was chosen for its current relevance — and, judging from the explanation and discussion questions on the UNC Web site, not as a brainwashing tool.

The study questions include the following:

"What did you really know about the Koran before

reading this book?"

"How important are images, metaphors, symbols and figures of speech in the language of the Koran?"

"What are the main human and personal virtues and vices or flaws that these readings emphasize?"

"Are there problems or benefits from discussing a religious text in a group when some group members share that religious tradition and others do not?"

The guidelines apparently were amended after some complaints to allow students with religious objections to reading parts of the Koran to write a paper explaining why they chose not to read the book.

But if you believe the claims of the lawsuit and politically conservative pontificators who have been ranting about the assignment, the university is not only promoting an "enemy" religion at public expense but also violating students' right to exercise their own religions as they choose.

Forget that the university isn't taking a stand on the merits of Islam, insisting that students embrace it or suggesting that anyone convert. Forget that the university might actually be trying to stimulate inquiry, promote education about a culture unknown to many Americans, engage in the exchange of ideas or promote expression, reasoning, understanding and reflection.

In other words, UNC is performing exactly the function that students, their parents and taxpayers of the state expect.

Of course, educators must watch for land mines when undertaking instruction-involving religion because it is such a personal and volatile topic.

Sensitivity, respect and an air of openness to dissenting views all are vital to the mix. So is a realization that some closed minds will stay forever shut.

But dialogue about religion in a university setting shouldn't and needn't amount to indoctrination. College students are mature enough to study religions for their cultural significance, their contribution to social and political structures and their impact on history. A course on the Bible as literature no more requires personal endorsement of its content than a survey class on American

authors requires enthusiastic immersion in Conradiana.

Those who treat exposure to uncomfortable ideas like an encounter with a flasher — not only offensive but also dangerous — miss the very essence of academic freedom.

Higher education fails in its mission if it doesn't help students learn to think and analyze, weigh others' ideas and examine their own.

Arming the next generation of adults with the ability to sort through a cacophony of ideas and make informed decisions about what to keep and what to reject will prepare them for citizenship and enable them to better understand and defend American values.

There's nothing blissful about ignorance — and it's foolish to impede the pursuit of knowledge.

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proved ourselves already.

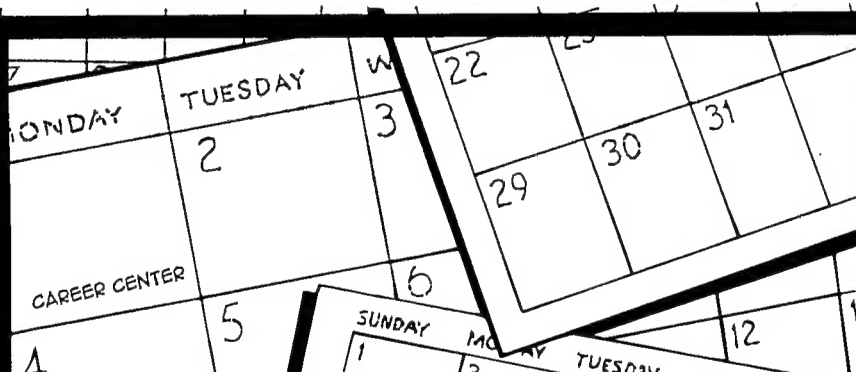
Whatever our major, we have already discovered how to multi-task, manage skimpy finances, keep even the most demanding "client" happy and stay sane while doing it. If there were a space on the resume for that series of qualities we would be hired on the spot!

Perhaps we could learn something from the courageous victories of our little ones. As I hear the progress report from my daughter every day about how much higher she is getting on the swing at each attempt I realize that she has discovered the key to fear. You have to decide how much you want something, size up the risk and just go at it shaking like a leaf.

Each day my daughter tells me that she is a little less scared every time she swings. I told her that one day she won't feel scared at all. She thinks that she'll always be a little scared and adds, "but that is what makes it fun, mommy."

How many of us are hanging there motionless on our swings? Perhaps even swinging on our bellies? Well, grab those chains and swing as high as you can, because that's what makes life fun.

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The ever changing movie going experience

Movies get more unoriginal and less entertaining, yet the prices to view a flick continue to rise. Maybe it is the purposed "slump" in the economy that has driven ticket prices up. But unlike the roller coaster ups and downs of the U.S. economy, the ticket prices will surely remain high and continue to soar higher.

Some would say to me, "If you are fed up with the movies, why do you still go?" Sometimes I don't know. The best answer I can give is "hope." Advertisers are constantly finding new ways to lure me back to the dark auditorium in the hopes of viewing something pleasurable for the eyes, ears and mind.

When I arrive to see what might possibly restore my faith in the movie making community I am faced with immediate disappointment; not necessarily from the film, but rather the movie going experience.

Everyone knows how much money movies bring in and how much actors are paid for their roles in "the blockbuster movie of the season." If there is so much hype, or even proof for that matter, around a particular movie why do they need so much excessive support from advertisers?

After being heavily overcharged for a ticket and possibly some snacks, moviegoers are bombarded by advertisements galore. As soon as they enter the theater people are glared at by a screen of slides that pushes companies and products. Coca-

Cola is the most notorious with its "blend in with the scene" ads. Even though not-so-subtle product placement, I give them props for trying — at least they adapted their ads for the audience viewing them.

Once the lights begin to dim, one would think the movie was about to begin or at least the movie previews. Not so. What happens instead is the showing of commercials. Because we didn't see enough commercials on TV before we left home for the theater.

Then comes the movie previews. This is something most every moviegoer is used to. It appears that the previews are getting longer and even more clips are shown. Again, with advertisements that try to lure us to buy products.

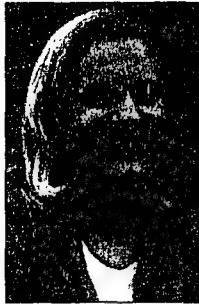
Finally after 10-25 minutes of watching and waiting, the movie starts. By then I am so discontent with the whole advertising system it is half tempting to walk out before I spot a

product placement in whatever movie I am seeing.

There used to be simple movie previews, now there are still frame ads, pre-show commercials and movie previews before people can see the movie they came to see. On a positive note though, the worry about being late for a movie is over.

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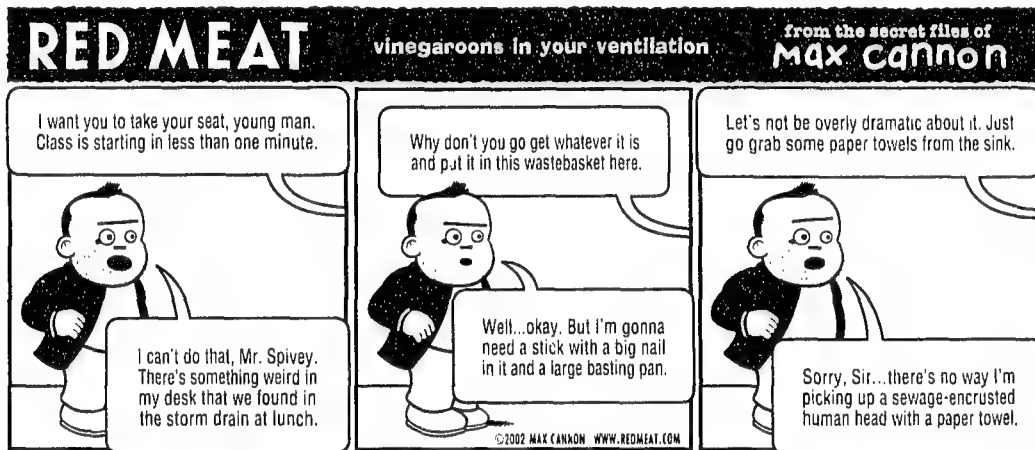
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PKI to host additional welcome week activities

LINDA SEDJRO
STAFF WRITER

Whether you spend most of your time at the Peter Kiewit Institute or on UNO's main campus, PKI Welcome Week is designed for you.

"We want to welcome back PKI students because there are a lot of juniors and seniors that don't attend the main campus welcome week," said Judith Monarrez Diaz-Kelsey, PKI student recruiter and academic adviser. "We want to be able to provide them with some activities here at PKI."

Though both UNO's main campus and PKI organize events to welcome students, the two campuses hold their events at different hours to accommodate students.

"We just want to create a welcome environment and be more inclusive of all students as well as non-traditional students," says Alma D. Ramirez-Rodgers, coordinator of student recruitment and development.

PKI Welcome Week Calendar of Events

Submarine Monday
August 26: 11:30-1:00
11:45 "Dean's Welcome"

Student Resource Tuesday
August 27: 11:30-1:00
Displays, prizes and treats

Rockin' HOT DOG Wednesday
August 28: 11:30-1:00
Live Music by Jettisoned on the patio
Food sponsored by Union Pacific

Jammin' Thursday
August 29: 11:30-1:00
Bring your lunch and enjoy dessert
Live music by Jettisoned on the patio
5:30-7:00 Pizza in the Atrium

Sweet Friday
August 30: 8:00-9:00
Donuts in the Atrium

For more information on PKI welcome week or Jettisoned, please visit the south campus or call 554-3819.

PKI Welcome Week features a variety of events along with music by Jettisoned.

"This year, PKI Welcome Week features a different band than the one we had last year before," Monarrez Diaz-Kelsey says.

Jettisoned, an Omaha hard rock/alternative band, is made of four current and former UNO students. Ben O'Brien, Jettisoned guitarist and backing vocalist, is a UNO graduate who works at the Peter Kiewit Institute Manufacturer Lab.

Many Omaha businesses have sponsored the events to make PKI Welcome Week a reality.

"We've been really fortunate to have businesses donate money for the

welcome week," Ramirez-Rodgers said.

This year's sponsors of PKI Welcome Week are PKI, Hawkins Construction, Kirkham Michael Consulting Engineers, Alvine & Associates, College Park & Krispy Kreme.

Riggs: Busy just like other UNO students

CHRISTINE HOLLISTER
FEATURES EDITOR

UNO Student Government President/Regent Shay Riggs was practically sitting in class at another school before deciding on UNO when choosing a college five years ago.

"I felt a commitment to another school but switched to UNO at the last minute," she says. "It was one of the best decisions I've made."

She feels one of the most positive aspects of UNO is the faculty.

"Almost every single professor I've had in the five years I've been here have been very, very good," Riggs says. "They care — they care so much."

Riggs, a senior family science major, has had many opportunities to get involved at UNO. She's been involved in numerous activities, held various leadership positions and was president of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. In addition to classes, activities and Student

Government, Riggs, a native Omahan, also works part-time for the Boy Scouts Juvenile Diversion Program.

She feels the best part of being involved on campus has been meeting and interacting with other students.

"I was so nervous when I first started here — I knew no one except a friend I came to school with," she says. "The students have been awesome — I've had a blast being here." Riggs admits starting college was scary for her at first but says she owes many of her positive experiences to countless hours spent in the student center.

"Student life has improved a lot since I've been here," she says. "SOLP does a great job promoting activities to students and trying to get

people involved."

Riggs knows students are busy but she would still like to see more involvement on campus.

"They go to class and go to work and



Shay Riggs took office in January.

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Sign on the dotted line ...

Roommate contracts help establish boundaries, create peaceful living space

SARAH MEEDER
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Since the beginning of kindergarten, people have been told to try to get along and to share. The idea may seem great in theory but practicing it with roommates can be a completely different story. One plausible solution that might help ease tension between housemates is a roommate contract.

More and more colleges are requiring students who share on-campus quarters to sign written agreements in order to help maintain tranquility. Constructing a contract can be beneficial for anyone living with others, not just those in dorms. Issues are inevitable when living with others but knowing who is right and who is wrong can be as simple as referring back to piece of signed paper.

When creating a written agreement, www.osuoffcampus.com has a few suggestions for maintaining roommate sanity. Seeing that college is supposed to be a time for higher learning, "quiet times" should be established. If one person is trying to study in the living quarters while another person focuses on increasing the beer belly with buddies, it can be seen where conflict could arise. If "quiet times" are set, all parties will be aware of when it is okay to be loud and when it is not.

Another area of concern is cleaning duties.

Not everyone has the same organizational lifestyle. When living with others, certain considerations should be made to keep the peace. It is recommended to discuss what needs to be cleaned, how often and who will perform the chore.

"Sharing is caring, it can be fun," sings the Juicy Fruit commercial, but what really happens when the gum is unwillingly "shared?" Gruesome violence. If that can happen with gum, just imagine what can occur with other items. Another suggestion is for roommates to set up what is "community property," what is "lendable" and what is "hands off" to others. This goes for personal possessions as well as food.

Agreeing to how bills will be paid is another topic that should be discussed. Once a payment schedule has been determined, write it down. As those older and wiser always say, it is always better to get information in writing. There is a reason for that: writing is more binding than a mere verbal agreement. When all aspects of the contract have been worked out, have each roommate sign it, binding them to the agreed terms.

Many Web sites offer sample roommate contracts to help aid in the process of creating a contract. It may seem rude to ask your roommate(s) to set and agree to household rules, but it can be a big help in preventing big problems in the future.

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Finding new purposes for student IDs

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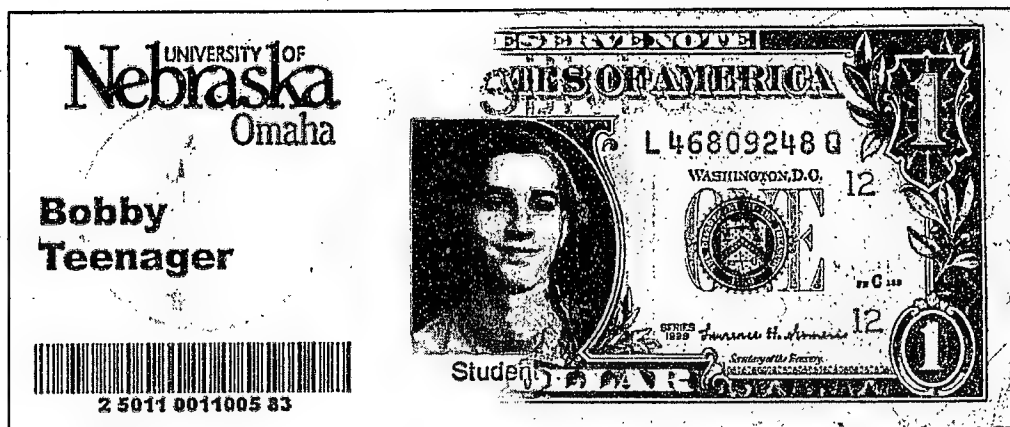
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

We all try to take advantage of that extra discount at the movies with our UNO student ID but have you ever wondered what other perks are out there? Having to pay for a college education is tough and it's nice to be able to save a couple of bucks here and there.

Discounts are available to college students in various places, so the most important thing is to always have your ID with you and ask if a student discount is available.

The movie theaters are cheaper but that isn't the only place for discounted entertainment. Many live theaters in the area offer a discount, and if you're ever in the mood to appreciate artwork, the Joslyn Art Museum offers a student discount. Some bars and nightclubs have college nights where you can get in cheap or free with your ID. And don't forget about the discounts students get for many athletic events, especially those Maverick games (all but hockey are free!).

The next time you're planning a trip,



With their new student IDs, students can get discounts at various businesses around town including movie theaters and tanning salons. Students are also admitted free into all UNO athletic events (except hockey) with a valid student ID.

photo illustration by Josh Williamson

ask about that discount when booking a flight or hotel. Orbitz.com sometimes offers discounted airfares for students. And if you're looking for that healthy glow before you hit the road, many tanning salons also offer student discounts.

When buying books, art or photography supplies or computer software, many businesses will give you an extra 5-15 percent off.

The next time you're on the World Wide Web, check out the host of Web sites

that offer discounts to students, such as <http://www.magazineline.com>.

There are other benefits to having a student ID besides discounts. Many places ask for a second form of ID, so it's nice to have as that extra photo ID when you're traveling or just in case.

You also receive access to many resources, activities and programs on campus. Use the library or take some time during the day to go and work out in the HPER building. If you aren't feeling well

and need

to see a professional, you can take in your student ID to Student Health Services and they can see you and write prescriptions for free.

Many students think their IDs have limited purposes including those occasional discounts at games or the movies but there are countless other ways to make your card useful. The world of the student discount is at your fingertips — you only need to ask.

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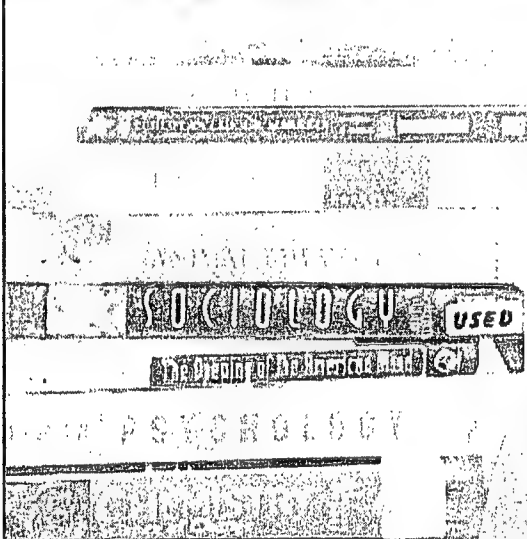
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Memories of summer 2002

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Whether it was family trips, visiting friends, summer school or traveling halfway around the world, everyone has a "summer story" for 2002.

Many UNO students began the summer at the College World Series, held June 14-22 at Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha. This was the 55th year the CWS was held in the Big O and this year had many exciting highlights. The Nebraska Huskers made an appearance for the second year and the series ended with Texas beating South Carolina to capture its first national title since 1983.

Others found different ways to pass the time of summer. Some hit the movie theaters to see for themselves if those summer blockbusters like *Austin Powers 3*, *Spider-man*, *The Bourne Identity* and many others could live up to all the hype.

Many students found road trips were a better way to go. From making weekend trips to Worlds and Oceans of Fun in Kansas City to traveling to the Big Apple to catch a play, many students included vacation time in their summer plans. Some traveled to the other side of the country to bask on the sunny beaches of Florida, while some went to the other side of the world to backpack their way across Europe. Students made trips just for fun, to see family or to visit friends far away.

For the crowd-surfers and moshers among us, there was a wide range of local and national acts at Sokol, the Ranch Bowl and the Music Box this summer. Many outdoor music festivals were held right in the area, including the Vans Warped Tour with old favorites Bad Religion and

Goldfinger and newcomers Thrice and Finch pleasing the crowd. Nickelback and Default headlined Band Camp and the Z Bash 2002, featuring Journey, Cheap Trick and other classic rock greats was a good end to the summer for music lovers.

Jazz on the Green was a favorite again this year and the concert in Memorial Park with Creedence Clearwater Revival in late June will be remembered by many students. Others found themselves traveling for concerts, many going to Kansas City for shows including John Mellencamp, Third Eye Blind, Vanessa Carlton, the Goo Goo Dolls and even the Beach Boys.

Some students decided that a little R & R in Omaha was the best way to spend the summer after a busy year of classes. From hanging out with friends to going to parties to finding the most random events, spontaneity was a key to fighting boredom. Some even took it to the extreme, taking up an adventure sport like rock climbing or mountain biking to keep themselves entertained.

Not all summer memories were as fun and exciting as others. Some students decided to continue with their studies this summer by taking courses at UNO. Other students chose to keep themselves busy with work to try to gain a little spending money or completed internships to gain work experience in their fields.

Everyone had their own summer moments ranging from fun in the sun to studying and working hard. Regardless of how you spent your summer, hopefully you enjoyed it and were able to get a break, even if a small one, from school.

Success through time management

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Family, work, school, extra-curricular activities ... with all of the commitments UNO students have in their lives, it can be easy to become overwhelmed.

That's where time management comes in.

"There are a finite number of hours in a week — 168," says Emily Muckerheide of the UNO Career Center. "What we do with that time really makes a difference."

Muckerheide feels the first key to successful time management is prioritizing.

"Try to put a plan together that works for you," Muckerheide says. "That doesn't mean you have to be anal retentive — the main thing is to just don't let things happen. If you plug the big things in first to your schedule, you'll probably have more time than you thought in the end."

Muckerheide also stressed that just because you schedule something into your calendar, it doesn't have to be set in stone.

"Manage your time but remember any decision you make you can unmake," she says. "Just because you pencil it into your Franklin Planner doesn't mean it can't be erased."

Muckerheide suggests that students try to stay relaxed about time management and start small by planning for a week.

"Start by planning a one-week schedule: Sunday-Saturday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.," Muckerheide says. "I've found that when students laid their schedule out visually at the beginning of the semester to see what it looks like, they have a better grasp of what it looks like to succeed. We think we know how much time we have — but if we look at how we use it, then we can deal with it."

She says it's simple to schedule your time once you know how.

"Lay it out on paper and put in your obligations first — when are your classes, when is your study time, commuting time, eating time ... then plan time for fun," she says. "Students need to plan their social time — they deserve it. Have enough structure in your schedule that's comfortable for you, but the main thing is to be relaxed."

Shay Riggs, UNO Student President/Regent, all around busybody and self-proclaimed time management expert, has some tips for students struggling to find a balance.

"Make daily lists and get yourself a planner," Riggs suggests. "It doesn't have to be anything big — a lot of times you can even get one for free."

"Sometimes I even will send myself a voice mail or e-mail if I need to remember something really important. And sticky notes are great to tack everywhere."

Muckerheide also feels tangible reminders are helpful in managing your time successfully.

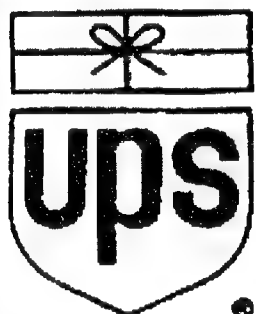
"Many people need to have visual evidence of what's going on in their life," she says.

Being involved in classes, Student Government, school activities and working, Riggs understands the commitments UNO students have to various parts of their lives.

"I hardly know a soul who does not work at UNO," Riggs says. "Everyone I know is trying to study and work and graduate."

Riggs and Muckerheide both suggest getting involved on campus and within the community, but warn against

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Turn trash into sass

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Chances are the average college student does not have the funds to decorate their living quarters like the stars on *MTV Cribs*. But being less-than-rich does not necessarily mean having a shabby-looking pad.

There are alternatives to the already obviously cheap cinder block, plywood and spray paint decor. With a little searching a person can usually find decorating articles to be proud of.

Do not be afraid of secondhand goods. Thrift stores can be a good place to start. These items, along with hand-me-downs, create a unique, one-of-a-kind look. Another benefit is the low cost of the goods. Goodwill and Salvation Army stores usually have multiple furniture pieces to choose from.

While there, one can look around for other decorating ideas, such as childhood memorabilia. Stuffed animals and other toys start as low as a quarter.

Looking for a trip to the past? Try picking up the readily available '60s and '70s nostalgia pieces. Oranges and browns to the heart's content. Bring on the flower power.

For something a little bit older, try Weird Wild Things and Retro for classic 1950s pieces of furniture.

Another cheap alternative with lots of ideas is Nobbies. The store is most known as being a party supply store but the grass skirts, Mardi Gras beads and blow up cows can have a longer life expectancy than just one party. One idea is to take a room and



photo by Chris Machian

Freshman LeCheryl Prince moved into University Village Friday and spent the weekend decorating.

make it themed, such as a "bottom of the sea" room with a fishing net, fake seaweed, various plastic fish and seashells. The possibilities are endless.

One other inexpensive idea is to make art for decoration. Create drawings, painting, sculptures or whatever looks interesting. If so inclined, stick bottle caps to the ceiling to create a conversation piece. Take obscure pictures and display them in cheap frames from the dollar store.

Take the old and make it new. It is amazing what a few nails, some paint and whatever else is lying around can do to revamp something.

With a little time and even less money a person can really spice up their place.

The student Code of Conduct: Eat it, breathe it, love it

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Rules. They're everywhere: including college. While there's more freedom in college than in high school, there are still rules to abide by. While being rebellious can get you places, it can also get you into a heap of trouble (such as getting kicked out of school).

To prevent such a catastrophe from happening, it's a good idea to get to know and understand UNO's Code of Conduct.

UNO's Code of Conduct was developed to protect the members of the UNO community. Below, you will find an abridged guide to UNO's Student Code of Conduct.

Negative Behavior

The University considers any type of aggressive or abusive (physical and verbal) behavior as misconduct. That includes disorderly and/or obscene conduct (such as streaking), verbal behavior such as threats and (as stated in the Code of Conduct) any "conduct which is unreasonably dangerous to the health or safety of other persons or oneself."

Discrimination/Harassment/Intimidation

Any form of discrimination, whether it be racial, gender- or religious-based, is not allowed. Sexual harassment includes

unwelcome sexual advances and requests for sexual favors.

Hazing

According to the Student Code of Conduct, hazing is "any act which endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student, or which damages or removes public or private property for the purpose of initiation into, admission into, affiliation with or as a condition for continued membership of a group or organization." Basically, hazing is not allowed.

Smoking

Smoking is not allowed in any university building or vehicle.

Alcohol/Drug Abuse

According to the Student Code of Conduct, the illegal distribution, possession, manufacture or use of drugs or alcohol while on university premises, at university activities or in university-supplied vehicles is a violation of university rules and state and federal laws. Drugs include steroids, marijuana, amphetamines and other illegal substances. Basically, leave the bong and bottles at home, kids.

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Between classes, work and a social life, you have enough to think about -- there's no need to have to worry about being strapped for cash! Lucky for us college students, thrifty is in. Look through any magazine from *Spin* to *Vogue* and you'll see celebrities wearing vintage and indulging in cheap thrills. Watching your money can be easy and cool if you just know how to do it right.

Master tightwad etiquette

Watching what you spend does not mean you have to resort to snagging the spare rolls of TP from the can or the plastic forks from the cafeteria. Just because you're a poor college student, it doesn't give you the right to steal or indulge in rude behavior. True tightwads are kind and suave -- you must have the right attitude to reap the benefits.

Use your campus resources

Free factor aside, taking advantage of the free programs, activities and facilities on campus gives you yet another way to hang out with your college friends, and to meet new ones.

Cheap workouts. Instead of spending \$25-\$50 each month on a gym membership, why not work out at HPER? It offers weights, racquetball, exercise classes, cardio machines and is open 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, 8:30

a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and noon to 10 p.m. Sunday -- what more could you ask for?

Read for free. This may come as a shock, but yes, the library has books ... and magazines ... and lots of them. And contrary to popular belief, there are some that you may actually *enjoy* reading.

Use the computers. There are computer labs in practically every building on campus. Check your e-mail, print a paper and use those programs you may not be able to afford for your home computer. And remember, the more you use those printers, the more you save that expensive ink cartridge at home.

Walk. Instead of spending your hard-earned cash on that ridiculous parking permit that only allows you to park in Blue-Green lot 156-A after midnight on Tuesdays when it's sleeting, why not just park down the hill for free?

See the doctor for free. If you're feeling under the weather physically or mentally, UNO Student Health Services and UNO Counseling Services are there for you.

Watch the cash you have

Know how much money you have (or don't have). Balance your checkbook and if you carry cash, keep it in a safe place and know where you're spending it.

Pay the bills on time. Late fees for credit cards, rent and bills can add up in a hurry. Why not spend that \$20 on a snazzy new shirt instead?

Don't write checks or use your ATM

card if you don't have the money in your account. This is self-explanatory, but it can save you anywhere from \$10-\$30 on overdraft fees, not to mention a possible \$20-\$30 in returned check fees.

ATM = danger. ATM + Alcohol = flat broke in a hurry. Try to resist the strong temptation of the ATM and use only in emergencies and while sober. If you need cash, the best time to get it is when you deposit a check. Withdraw a small amount of money at that time and use it as your allotted cash until the next check. You can usually save yourself a fee and won't be as tempted to make impulse buys.

Eat on the cheap

Do as your mother does. Buy in bulk, use coupons and shop with a list. Your friends may taunt you and make fun of your dorky tendencies but you'll be the one laughing when you can afford to go to the big concert while they're stuck at home watching reruns of *Home Improvement*.

Share. You're probably already splitting the bills with your roommates but how about the food? There's no sense in having two gallons of chunky milk in the fridge and 14 black bananas melting into the counter. Offer to buy the beer (err ... juice) this week, and perhaps your roomies will return the favor next time.

Buy generics and eat what you buy. Generics are no longer just the stereotypical white label "beer" and "peanuts." Many grocery store generics are made with the same ingredients and some even taste better than name brand items. (Tip: Super Target sells a kick ass salsa for \$2.19 for a 24 oz. jar. Put this paper down and go get some

immediately.)

Make and take your own. Make coffee at home, take lunch and take a water bottle to fill at the water fountain. This alone can save you a few bucks every day.

Eat at home. If you're still lucky enough to live near your folks, mom and dad will love to see you and you can amaze them with all of your newfound knowledge over a home-cooked meal. They might even offer to do your laundry while you're there. (Just kidding, mom.)

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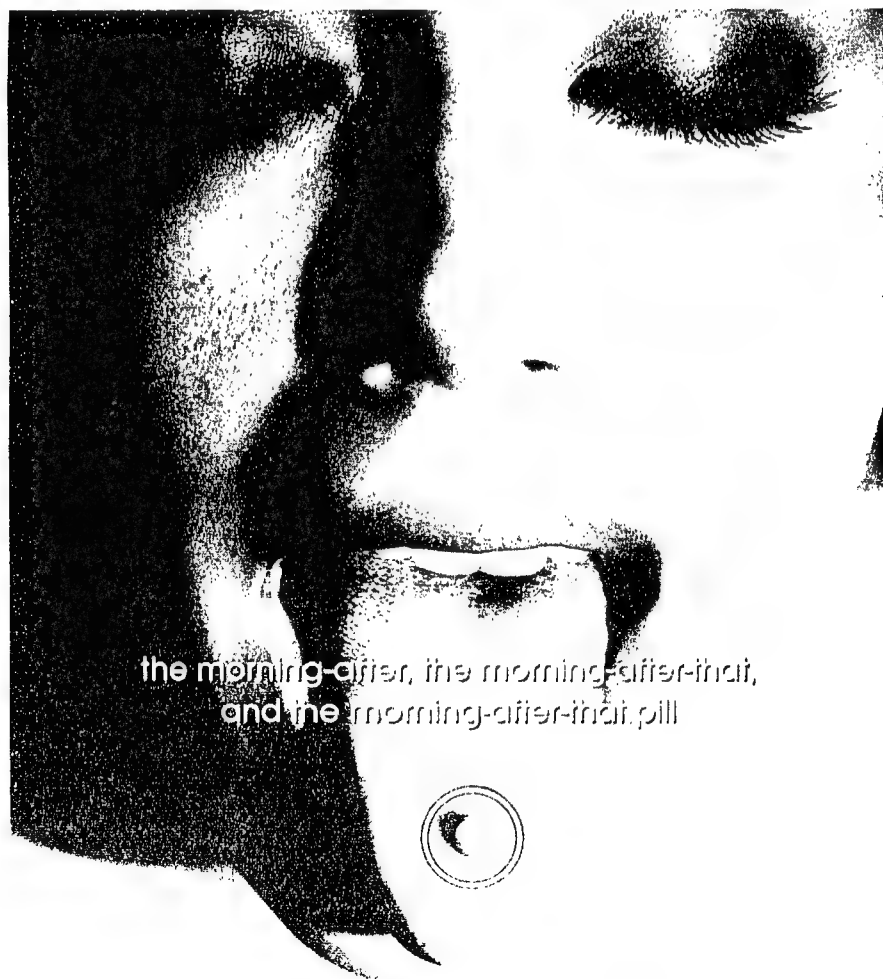
Shop only for what you need -- not recreation. Yes, bring that list, you dork.

Give small gifts with big heart. Buy a nice, cheap thrift store basket and fill it with meaningful gifts like home baked cookies, photos and a sweet, thoughtful (read: cheesy) note.

Out with the old, in with the used. Really, why are you holding onto that Bon Jovi's Greatest Hits disc anyway? Go through your CDs, games and DVDs and if there's anything you don't listen to or watch anymore, get rid of it! Most stores give you some good cash even for crap like the Boomerang soundtrack (um, no, I don't know this from experience). They'll at least give you decent store credit, which can be used for buying used or new CDs and DVDs that don't make your eyes water. The same goes for books.

Beauty on a budget. If you must have that manicure, massage or hair coloring, get it done at a beauty or massage training school. The quality is usually just as good

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The basics of buying college textbooks

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Bart Jeseritz wanders through the UNO bookstore. He looks through the shelves, reads the note cards that list the required and optional titles for his classes and piles up a stack of textbooks in his basket. The freshman wants to be prepared.

Thousands of UNO students make the trip to the bookstore at the beginning of each semester, where they pay big bucks for the necessary class materials.

Optional study guides and solution manuals sit back to back with the required textbooks on the shelves, waiting to be purchased by ambitious students.

After all, they will need them to be successful in their classes.

Or so they believe.

But often enough, disappointed students sell their books at the end of the semester with the feeling that their purchase was nothing but a bad investment.

"I've wasted a lot of money," says junior Heidi Judson. "I used to buy all the optional books but I stopped when I realized that we didn't need them."

For Scott Dickey, course materials manager with Student Affairs, this scenario is nothing new. He says although less than half of the student body buys optional textbooks, many take them back at the end of the semester, complaining they never used them.

Dickey's advice: "If you're not gonna use it, don't buy it."

But many students don't know in advance whether a book will help them.

Junior Jenny Jarose has learned from

her experience. She says when she started UNO, she bought all the required and optional books, only to return them four months later without ever having opened the cover. Now, she waits until her teachers tell her they will actually use a book before she goes out and buys it.

Dickey says about 10 percent of UNO's instructors list optional textbooks for their students.

"I do recommend that my students buy the solution manuals to the textbooks for the mathematics courses I teach," says UNO instructor Judy Downey. "They usually provide answers for more of the problems and provide solutions as well as answers for some of the exercises."

The opinions about which optional books are a good investment differ from student to student. Junior Elena O'Connell says she buys optional books in her English classes but not for her math or science courses. Senior Aaron Wilson says he finds math answer books most helpful.

"It depends on the student," Dickey says.

Most of the optional books that go over the counter at UNO's bookstore are solutions manuals for lower and intermediate math classes and additional materials for higher-level English courses, he says.

Unfortunately, not only optional books can be bad investments. Many students have had experience with a class where they bought the required text but weren't given any readings or other assignments out of it. In effect, the book didn't serve as anything but unnecessary weight to carry around campus.

Senior Brianna Neilsen has noticed in many of the lecture classes, books are



Scott Dickey, course materials manager with Student Affairs advice on buying books is: "If you're not gonna use it, don't buy it."

unnecessary.

"I went a whole semester and didn't buy any books," she says with a smile.

While her case may not be the general rule, some teachers agree that textbooks aren't the most important things in class.

Bruce Johansen, a professor in the communications department, says textbooks are "useful because they provide information that I do not have time to cover in class." However, he adds it doesn't make any difference from where his students draw their knowledge.

"I usually do not test from the books, per se," he says. "A student's knowledge of the books becomes evident in exercises that we do in class. I also tell students they may use older editions or even similar

books with different authors that may be available at the library. I am not a textbook salesman and I think textbook publishers put out too many editions to keep their sales up."

In fact, many authors come up with a revised edition of their textbooks every other year. They update problems or add new facts. Sometimes, however, the changes aren't significant enough to insist on buying the latest edition.

"In some cases, there's very little difference," Dickey says, who also says he has one book in the store right now where not one page is different from the older edition. (He would not name the book, though.)

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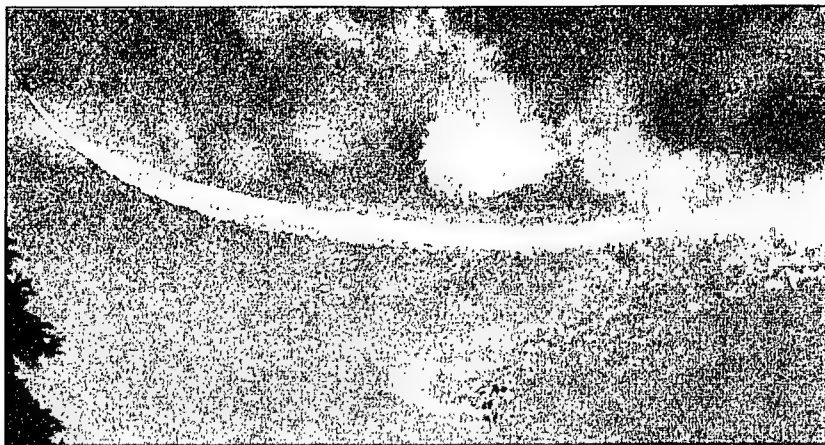
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Right: A group of people wait in line to take a tour of a U.S. Air Force plane. The air show draws a large crowd to Offutt AFB each year.



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overcommitment, which can lead to overload.

"A lot of students want all of these things on their resume," Muckerheide says. "It is an important thing to show employers that you have been involved but they're looking for more of the things you were really involved in and things where you held a leadership position."

She warns against comparing yourself to others when looking at how you spend your time.

"Everyone's 'no' threshold is different," she says. "You'll always find someone who seems to be better — you just have to be yourself and do what's best for you."

"Remember, you're not a rubber man — choose two or three things that are

significant and matter to you. You will learn more and have a lot more to offer an employer."

Muckerheide suggests thinking short-term and long-term when evaluating how you decide to use your time.

"Look at your immediate needs and how this will affect you in the future," she says. "Your career is your whole life involvement plan — the things you do now affect you lifelong. If you just let things happen or let someone else direct what you want to do, you can't live the life you want."

"Play with scenarios — give yourself some options and think of the possibilities," Muckerheide suggests. "Most importantly, have fun with it and relax. This is your life — it's not a dress rehearsal."

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go home — when they don't get into the student center, they miss the best part of school," she says.

And while students are in the student center, Riggs extends an invitation to stop by the Student Government office to voice concerns and opinions, both positive and negative.

"I wish more students would come into the office and voice their concerns," Riggs says. "A lot of people come in after the fact."

Riggs' stint with student government began in the summer of '99 when she was appointed to an open position as a HRFS senator. In the fall she ran for junior class senator. She held the vice president position, then took a year off to devote her time as president of Zeta Tau Alpha. She became student president/regent in the

spring of 2002.

Riggs sees the biggest challenge for the current year as working with the budget cuts.

"We got pretty lucky last time," she says. "They cut a lot of vacant positions."

She's unsure what to expect from the next round of budget cuts that will be announced Sept. 10, but stresses the importance for UNO students, faculty and staff to work together and keep informed.

"We all need to be more willing to work with other students and faculty to make the best decisions for the university," Riggs says. "There are going to be some changes, but it's important for everyone to stay optimistic. UNO is the type of university that will help individuals through their ordeals no matter what."

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Trade off or go halves. Understand that most of the people around you are probably just as poor as you are, and even if they aren't, it's unfair to stick them with the check. Don't back out on your part of the bill — or the tip.

Have parties. Instead of going out, invite a group of friends over for dinner, drinks, games or a movie. Have everyone bring their favorite beverages or snacks. And of course your friends have good taste, right? Have them bring over clothing and/or CDs they don't want anymore and swap with one another.

Cheap dating. Be creative — an inexpensive picnic by the lake can be even

more romantic than a night spent over several cocktails at the newest, hippest martini bar. Most dates will appreciate your inventiveness and spontaneity. And if you still want to go for the traditional dinner and a movie date, go a little early. You can save a lot of cash by eating a late lunch and checking out the matinee. (Added bonus — even more makeout time later if the date goes well.)

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Although rules suck at times, it pays to follow them. If you happen to violate the Code of Conduct rules and are caught, be prepared to pay the price. Penalties include a written reprimand, disciplinary probation or suspension or expulsion, depending upon the degree of the violation.

More information about the Code of Conduct can be found on the Web at www.unomaha.edu/~saffairs/studentcode.php.

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In the case of doubt, Dickey suggests asking the instructor about using an older edition. Especially in math classes, the changes may be crucial when it comes to working assigned problems at home.

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Awesome Dogs: Feeding the downtown masses

HOLLY LUKASIEWICZ
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Driving amid the bustle of downtown on a typical weekday, you may come across something odd from the normal downtown Omaha terrain — a hot dog stand.

As the business-suited men discuss important things and women scurry around in skirts and tennis shoes, lunch hour on the southeast corner of 14th & Douglas streets is soaked with the friendly aroma of Mark and Georgia Patlan's Awesome Dogs hot dog stand.

Aug. 12 marked the opening day for the Patlans' Awesome Dogs stand and the culmination of four years of research, strategy and perseverance toward their goal.

"I remember when my boys were little they used to have Executive Dogs down here," Mark says, as a tattoo peeks from his short sleeved t-shirt. "They were big wieners and used to be here all the time. Then for 10, 15 years nobody was down here. We thought 'oh, this is a great opportunity since they're doing all this construction.'"

The arrival of their stand to the corner of Gene Leahy Mall wasn't an easy one.

"It took us an arm and a leg to get down here," Mark says. "You have to cook out of a licensed kitchen. We cook out of VFW Post 247 and they're really nice people. Without them, we'd probably still be looking for a kitchen. We've really been fortunate to get all the help we've got."

Mark's wife, Georgia, said the city requires written permission by the property owner of the site they want to stand at even though it's on city sidewalks and it also had to be commercially zoned.

"So I wrote to the library and called Woodmen Tower and First National," she says. "You have to have something different that somebody wants. All the construction — there's so much in town — they need to eat, too."

The Patlans make a good team as they work around each other and greet customers who seem familiar to them already on their fourth day of business. Georgia keeps busy in her visor and flip-sunglasses as she prepares the

8- to 10-inch home-cooked subs.

Awesome Dogs offers a daily lunch special, priced at \$4.75, which includes sandwich, chips and a drink. Hot dogs are \$1.75. The weekly specials are as follows: Monday, Philly steak sub; Tuesday, meatball sub; Wednesday, barbecue beef (Georgia's won ribbons for her barbecue); Thursday, chicken fajita; and Friday, ham and cheese.

Go early if you're looking to try a special — Mark says they have been selling out by noon. He also says people were "coming out of the woodwork" for their olive oil-sautéed peppers.

"Everybody loves that," he says.

The many compliments they've received so far have been geared toward their quality-tasting meals.

"People say our buns are great," Mark says. "They say our wieners are good; we use Wimmers. It's a more expensive dog but we went for quality. Everybody says, 'Oh, we love Wimmers, we love Wimmers.'"

He continues: "You wouldn't believe what a little guy could eat or some of the stuff people put on their hot dogs. They get a chili dog and sauerkraut with jalapenos on it. We might have to start selling Roloids."

Other than the hard work ("Sometimes we'll both be working in each other's way," Mark says), the Patlans are enjoying their new career adventure.

"If you're going to be working 12, 14 hours a day, she might as well do something she likes to do instead of something she's tired of doing," Mark says of his wife, who left her 20-year career to start their hot dog business. "She loves talking to people, so I know she enjoys being out here. And [she's] an excellent cook," he adds.



photo by Josh Williamson

The smell of hot dogs downtown has normally been associated with Rosenblatt Stadium, but Mark and Georgia Patlan of Awesome Dogs are bringing that tantalizing aroma to the Gene Leahy Mall. Awesome Dogs opened Aug. 12 and is located at the corner of 14th and Douglas streets weekdays from 7 a.m. until about 1:30 p.m.

"If there's one thing I enjoy, it is to relax in the kitchen," Georgia says. "I haven't really been able to relax lately, but we'll get back to that."

Awesome Dogs is at the corner of 14th and Douglas streets weekdays from 7 a.m. to around 1:30 p.m. selling doughnuts, coffee, hot dogs and subs the whole time.

The Patlans plan on being out there as long as they can during the winter selling "hot"

items, like hot chocolate. They're also testing out different marketing strategies throughout the week: "We're going to try carnations on Friday," Georgia says.

"We're just here to have a good time and sell some hot dogs," Mark says. "We get to meet all the people. Everybody's really been great out here."

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KMFDM one of few pinnacles in music this summer

JOSH BASHARA
STAFF WRITER

Coiling up like a snake, KMFDM withdraws from the public eye every year or two, only to reappear with lightning-fast speed, biting down hard on the neck of popular rock.

Formed in Paris in 1984 by Sascha Konietzko, KMFDM would soon host a multitude of members and tour around the world, pioneering the industrial genre alongside the likes of Nine Inch Nails and Ministry.

After nearly 20 years, 16 albums and latest release *Attak*, industrial rock band KMFDM reinvented itself once again and set out for the road, stopping in Omaha over the summer.

Although Konietzko's brainchild has been attached to the industrial rock genre for over a decade, these days it's a term he's trying to shed.

"We've always tried to distance ourselves from the industrial label," Konietzko told *The Category* this summer. "It's just too restrictive. KMFDM is not an industrial band by strict term and definition. Why be pigeon-holed?"

Recently, KMFDM was coupled

with electronic rock label Metropolis after the band left original industrial label Wax Trax! a few years ago.

Artistic freedom is not a problem these days, Konietzko said, due in part to the label's light promotion and distribution efforts.

"[Metropolis] is like a really low-key operation," Konietzko said. "You give them a master and then they make a record eventually. It'll only show up in some record stores. Do they give us freedom? Yeah, because it's not even up to them to decide what they give us, because they give us practically nothing."

Shortly after, Konietzko hinted around with the idea that KMFDM's own record label may be somewhere over the horizon.

The nu-metal trend is definitely something of a thorn in the music industry's side, which Konietzko feels must wither away for more bands like KMFDM to blossom once again.

"People need to make more exciting stuff," Konietzko said. "I think there are two kinds of people who go out and do this thing. One I call artists, the other I call entertainers. All that nu-metal stuff falls into the entertainer



Lucia Cifarelli of KMFDM sings to the sold out crowd at the Ranch Bowl in a June concert.

category."

"Entertaining is more successful and — instantaneously — financially rewarding to labels, so they put more steam behind it," he continued. "It's not you see, I mean, you can't even find cool little bands between all these billboards for Christina and Britney."

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Matt Ricardo: Master of the tablecloth

BOBBI MCCOLLUM
STAFF WRITER

"Ladies and gentlemen of Covent Garden," performer Matt Ricardo yells out in the middle of the Piazza. "Stop what you are doing and pay attention to me."

In an attempt to gather an audience, Ricardo tosses his props throughout the cobblestone area and announces a countdown to show time.

"It's a kind of seduction," he says. "You've got to convince them that you're worth their time. It's not enough just to make some noise and attract their attention. You've got to attract their commitment. They can't just hear you and look at you. They have to hear you, look at you and then want to carry on looking at you."

Once Ricardo has attracted their attention with sound, they look and see a man standing on the street with a fully set dining table. Ricardo explains that they initially wonder what's happening.

"So you've got them for a little bit and the you have to convince them you're funny," he says. "For that I use jokes."

Now that an audience has gathered, the show begins. Ricardo's act starts with a little one-on-one with the audience to try and break down the wall between the audience and the performer, he says. He explains the performer must earn the trust

and friendship of the audience in order to eventually earn their money.

"I do comedy," Ricardo says. "I do a little bit of juggling in the show, but mainly it's what I call skills-based comedy. You know the trick where you have a table and a tablecloth and all sorts of things on the table and you pull the tablecloth off—that's what I do. It's 50 percent skill and 50 percent guts. Oh, and 50 percent having some crockery to smash."

Ricardo uses his skills of improvisation to keep the audience laughing and distract them from any mistakes he makes during the performance. Between tricks he teases the audience with the tablecloth trick; always almost pulling it off, but never getting quite



Matt Ricardo juggles tennis rackets on a cobblestone road. He makes his living as a street performer.

that far.

"So much of it is how you do it," Ricardo says. By using anticipation throughout his show, Ricardo keeps the audience wanting more while he attempts to captivate them further with his humor and other talents. However, entertaining people isn't the only thing on Ricardo's agenda. Through his work, Ricardo hopes to show people he's a normal person who lives a balanced life.

"A lot of people see street performers as glorified beggars," he says. "That's not true. I'm not a beggar. I don't live on the street. I do work hard to provide for my life and I just do that with quite an unconventional, individualistic job. It's not my life. It's a large part of my life but if you put it up against what

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10 music industry wishes for the new school year

COLUMN BY
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The music industry sucks — it's a simple fact. Every day, we get gallons of musical waste poured down our throats — and yet, we happily pay good money for it! When was the last time any artist, album or concert lived up to its hype? While you're racking your brain trying to remember, allow me to offer up a few wishes I think would actually make the music industry worth the billions of dollars we pump into it.

1. A New Guns N' Roses album

I was still wearing Zoobaz when I first started looking forward to GNR's follow-up to *Use Your Illusion I & II*. Unfortunately, it still hasn't happened. *Chinese Democracy* -

how aptly titled. The new GNR — made up of Axl Rose and a bunch of people who aren't Slash or Duff McKagan — has been touring overseas and word-of-mouth says the new incarnation is actually quite good. Now if Axl could just get the damn album together.

Odds of coming true: 2 to 1

2. More rap feuds

We love it when rappers get really pissed at each other. It's like watching a schoolyard fight. Rap feuds have a history of producing the most blistering, entertaining tracks to ever grace a B-side. Jay Z vs. Nas. Eminem vs. Everlast. Eminem vs. everybody. It's great stuff.

Odds of coming true: 3 to 1

3. No more Dave Matthews Band

It's not that I don't like DMB. On the contrary, I'm quite fond of some of its music. It's that it's just so overplayed. You can't run a 20-minute errand without hearing at least two DMB songs on the radio. It doesn't help that Matthews & Co. release a new album at least once a year. (It seems so, anyway.) Dave, for the sake of your music, put off that inevitable 2003 release and allow fans to simply marinate in the 20 or so albums you've released in the last seven years. And 106.9 FM, STOP PLAYING FOUR DMB SONGS EVERY HOUR! Thanks a mil.

Odds of coming true: 6 to 1

4. Better concerts in Omaha

Why does it seem that with every major tour announcement, Omaha is conspicuously missing? Oh wait, it's because it's true. Nobody wants to come to Omaha — but can you blame them? Few adequate venues, apathetic fans, sheer desolation — would you come to Omaha if you were a rock star? Didn't think so. And don't even try offering up the ridiculously overrated local scene as consolation. If the music were any good, it wouldn't be local.

Odds of coming true: 15 to 1

5. The demise of Ticketmaster

On a similar note, have I mentioned how evil Ticketmaster is? I recently purchased tickets to see Coldplay in Minneapolis via the ticketing service's Web site. I requested a pair of main floor seats, which, according to the site, carried a price of \$15 apiece. Not bad, eh? Unfortunately, by the time I was ready to pay, the bill had ballooned to nearly \$50! So where the hell did the extra \$20 in charges come from? Part of it was for a "convenience charge." What kind of f**kin' oxymoron is "convenience charge," huh? Ticketmaster has turned making concert arrangements into anything but convenient. Pearl Jam even took the company to court in a commendable effort to loosen the stranglehold it has on the concert business. Alas, it ended disastrously. But hey, we can hope, right?

Odds of coming true: 100 to 1

6. The resurrection of Tupac Shakur

If you believe what some fans say, the "gangsta poet" will rise from the grave in 2003 — seven years after he was gunned down in Las Vegas. Rap has suffered greatly since his death — it's become a parody of itself. DMX and a handful of other individuals notwithstanding, the world of rap has become a flashy, shallow imitation of its former self thanks to clowns like P. Diddy. We need Tupac to come back and tell some real stories, not give us pathetic odes to favorite liquor brands and such.

Odds of coming true: 1 million to 1

7. New supergroups

What ever happened to the supergroup concept? We've seen great ensembles like Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young and Blind Faith and The Traveling Wilburys in the past, but it's been a while since a true supergroup has been formed. The closest anyone has come recently is Gorillaz, or even the long-awaited union of former Soundgarden frontman Chris Cornell and the remaining members of Rage Against the Machine — and even that has yet to be officially unveiled. So let's all put the egos aside and come up with something cool, OK? Like Method Man, Flea from Red Hot Chili Peppers and Rivers Cuomo from Weezer — now that would be cool.

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Meghan Daum, author of *L.A. Times* bestseller *My Misspent Youth*, may not be able to answer all of these questions but it never hurts to ask.

Daum will open the fall 2002 Missouri Valley Reading Series with a public reading on Wed., Sept. 18. The reading will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the art gallery of the Weber Fine Arts building.

Daum's essays have been featured in the *New Yorker*, the *New York Times Book Review* and *Harper's Bazaar*. From 1996 to 1999, Daum wrote a column for *Self* magazine. She also has been featured on National Public Radio's "This



Meghan Daum opens the MVRS this year.

American Life."

Anna Monardo, associate professor of UNO's Writer's

Workshop and coordinator of the Missouri Valley Reading Series, says Daum's appearance marks an important change for her department.

"The Writer's Workshop had begun new majors in creative non-fiction, fiction and poetry, which is why we are featuring a non-fiction writer," Monardo says.

On Oct. 10, Judy Blunt, award-winning author of *Breaking Clean*, will speak about her memoir. Following Blunt will be Omaha writer Timothy Schaffert on Oct. 30, poet Robert Chrisman on Nov. 6 and fiction writer Karen Gattert Shoemaker on Nov. 20.

"We have a particularly exciting lineup of guests

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an important part of my life my wife is or my cat is or my PlayStation ... [it's no comparison]."

Fourteen years ago Ricardo performed his first juggling show in Covent Garden. "I wasn't nearly as good as I am now," Ricardo says. "I got a small crowd and I earned a very small amount of money, which was enough to bring me back the next day and the next day and the next day."

Beginning performers often experience a power struggle with the audience, Ricardo says. However, once the performer reaches the point where he or she is fairly good and has done the show a number of times, the power balance shifts and it becomes a privilege for the audience to see the show rather than a privilege for the show to have an audience.

By repeatedly performing a

show, the performer is able to adapt and improve his or her performance and its presentation by weeding out the bad and enhancing the good. Ricardo says his show has "evolved in every way possible."

"I've become a much more fluid performer," he says. "I'm a much more confident and cocky performer."

"It's all the extremes," he says. "Anything you can encounter in life you'll encounter on this patch over here; everything from meeting people and falling in love to making great friends and meeting people who want to kill you and you have to punch them ... You get to see life from an angle that most people really don't see it as."

Those who choose a career in street performing can also expect a fluctuating daily wage. Profits vary on a number of things from weather

and attendance to how well the performance went.

"I've had very, very good days here where I've gone home with more money than I thought I would ever make here," Ricardo says. "And also I've had days where I've had stuff nicked and made no money — and made a minus amount because I've had stuff nicked."

Although making money is all well and good, Ricardo explains people shouldn't go into street performing for the money.

"You go into any performing because you want to perform," he says. "You have a reason to perform. You have something you can give. The reason to perform on the street is because you want to perform on the street, because you feel that the type of performance you do will work well on the street and will make you happy working here. That's the only

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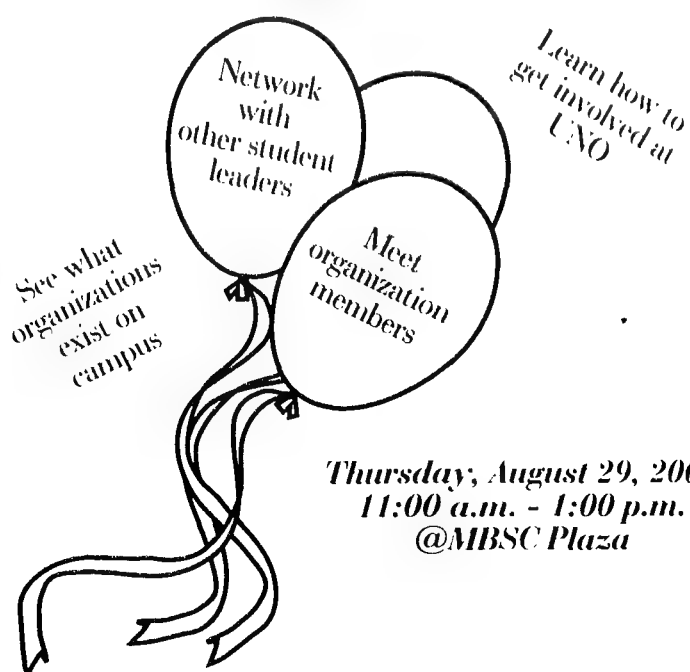
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Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)

This week you will see the werewolf man. He now has white hair and hangs out at rock festivals searching for his prey.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

A new school year has begun. Keep your shoelaces tied at all times.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)

The summer of love has ended, begin the fall of no one at all.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)

You have just noticed that your endless nights of eating out have left you with an empty bank account. Sue the entire restaurant community.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

This school year will be your greatest yet — or just keep telling yourself that.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

The clouds in the sky are making pictures for you. Duh, where else would clouds be?

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Wish for world peace but don't do anything about it. I'm serious, just sit there on your rear and complain, don't move a muscle. God forbid you have to do that.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)

Find five and a half creative uses for Spam this year because it will be your best friend.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

So you joined PETA thinking that it was a good move for you spiritually, until you found out what it stood for: Please Eat Tasty Animals. Didn't see that one coming.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

Dream of dreams that are yet to come and life in the now will pass you by.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21)

This year you will find yourself saying this a lot: "Hey, I didn't get the joke." Don't worry, you're just getting older ... and older ... and older ...

Cancer (June 22 - July 22)

Find the bubble in the sky. That is the escape.

Taransky's *Simone* as Hollywood farce is a virtual bust

CHRISTOPHER R. KRUG

OKLAHOMA DAILY (U. OKLAHOMA)

Give writers and directors enough time to stew in the Hollywood quagmire, and they will eventually feel the need to tell a story about its depravity.

Woody Allen's film *Celebrity* told this tale. Robert Altman gave the lowdown about Tinsel Town in *The Player*. Just this past summer Steven Soderbergh's *Full Frontal* delivered the same lambasting story.

The gist, caricatures and plots of all these films are basically the same. The only thing that makes these films worth watching to people who aren't "in the know" about Hollywood is how effectively and humorously directors can present the story.

The new movie *Simone*, starring Al Pacino, takes a stab at this same convention.

Film director Viktor Taransky (Al Pacino) believes in his art. The problem is that no one else in Hollywood does. Studio executives only care about a film's bottom line. Actors only desire to promote their own star power and audiences simply want icons to worship.

So, when diva actress Nicola Anders (Winona Ryder) quits while shooting Viktor's art film *Sunrise Sunset*, the studio terminates him and his project, leaving Viktor to pack his art into the trunk of his car. That's when an eccentric computer programmer turns up and offers Viktor what he needs to make his films: the ability to have actors that won't whine and will do whatever Viktor says.

What makes *Simone* different from other Hollywood-is-a-den-of-corruption movies is that it attempts to show just how pernicious the whole entertainment industry is.

In this film, not only are the actors egomaniacal idiots, the studio giants capitalist philistines and the moviegoers entertainment vampires like they are in others of the same convention. But in *Simone* no amount of art-for-art's sake intention can escape the clutches of the industry, even if the object of that intention has no volition.

It's one thing for Hollywood to corrupt a human being, but if it can control a computer-generated actor created in the name of artistic integrity, Tinsel Town is out of control.

The individual responsible for making

this clever movie-as-social commentary is Andrew Niccol, who also directed the films *Gattaca* and *The Truman Show*.

Judging from the biting humor, it seems Niccol has definitely stewed in the quagmire.

The film blasts Hollywood on nearly every level.

The studio where Viktor shoots his films is called Amalgamated Film Studios. Actors throughout the film tell Viktor that they've met Simone, who doesn't even exist. Funny stuff.

Even with so many hilarious jabs leveled at the Hollywood scene, the movie almost works as a comedy ... but it doesn't.

The problem is that some of the writing slips into the realm of satire, which is an entirely different animal. Satire requires more poise with the pen.

In comedies you crack jokes to make audiences laugh. In satire, humor is intended to make a serious comment on society, but *Simone* never articulates a convincing and fresh critique.

In the end, *Simone* is neither comedy nor satire, leaving the film feeling simply like a bunch of scenes pushing a plot along, a weak one at that.

This problem is not new one for Niccol. He has a history of making films with well-conceived premises that are executed poorly. Both *Gattaca* and *The Truman Show* suffer from the same fault.

Case in point from *Simone*: Viktor uses a super-duper computer to make movies. But when he decides to give up on the CPU gig, Viktor puts a 5 1/4-inch floppy disk into his computer — what computer still has 5 1/4-inch disk drives? Either that was an anachronism or it had some severe meaning, only Niccol may know.

As for film making stuff, the principle actors play well off each other and, of course, Pacino is spot-on. The film looks great and the soundtrack is unobtrusive. The Foley work is especially exceptional.

As a night at the cinema, *Simone* is well worth its price of admission. If moviegoers can forget the quality of the first 20 minutes, they'll have a feel-good two hours at the cinema.

But hey, Al Pacino's in it. Maybe that was Niccol's whole point in making the film.

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coming to campus," Monardo says. "We try to stay in touch with what is new and exciting in the literary world and try to reflect that in the series."

The series also includes two student readings, which feature UNO and Creighton University students. These readings will take place at Border's, 72nd and Dodge streets, at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 24 and Dec. 3.

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and F**king Limp Bizkit. You don't see the forest for the trees, it's a big smokescreen."

Despite the 2,000-plus capacity venues KMFD filled up its entire summer tour, the band stopped at the Ranch Bowl in June, where capacity barely reaches 500. Konietzko didn't seem to mind the small (but sold-out) crowd.

"This is the best tour we've ever done," he said. "Attendance is up 150 percent since the last tour."

The concert itself humbled the Ranch Bowl. Within seconds of the first note, when the smoke began to pour out and the lights started to pulsate, it was obvious this tour was not meant for such a small venue as the Ranch Bowl.

The Missouri Valley Reading Series is a free event and is open to the public. Readings include open discussions with the authors.

Monardo says this season of the Missouri Valley Reading Series will be sure to please audiences.

"It's a unique opportunity for readers and lovers of literature to see, meet, hear and talk with creative writers."

For more information about this event call 554-2960.

The stage was literally a crowded mess of steel and electronics. Konietzko was flanked by Tim Skold, Raymond "Pig" Watts, Bill Reiflin and Lucia Cifarelli. Crowded but looking smooth, they pounded out a good hour and a half of KMFD songs, old and new.

The live dynamics were good and the band was great. What almost seemed like recorded-quality sound (due in part to the fact that most of the sampling is pre-recorded) was furiously unleashed to a maniacal crowd.

The energy never came to a lull until the end of the show and even then you could still feel the energy of one of the oldest industrial bands still crackling in the air.

Thriller season of fall movies coming

JONATHAN WANCE & ERIC BOST
DAILY O'COLLEGIAN (OKLAHOMA STATE U.)

Fall movies will be hitting movie theaters in the next couple of weeks and the lineup is riddled with socio-path psychos. Here's a short guide of what to expect so far for the fall.

Swimfan: Ben Cronin (Jesse Bradford from *Clockstoppers* and *Admiring Melora*) is a swim instructor with the perfect life, the perfect girlfriend and a chance to get gold at a local swim meet. All that changes when Madison Bell (Erika Christensen from *Traffic*) arrives in town and becomes obsessed with Cronin — dangerously obsessed.

Directed by John Polson (*Siam Sunset*), *Swimfan* is produced by John Penotti (*Pinero*) for 20th Century Fox and GreeneStreet Films and opens Sept. 6. The movie is rated PG-13 for mature thematic elements, sexual content and disturbing content.

One Hour Photo: Robin Williams takes on another psychotic role as Sy Parrish, a lonely photo developer who acquires an obsession over the picture-perfect Yorkin family. The R-Rated movie also stars Connie Nielsen (*Gladiator*) and Eriq La Salle (*ER*), opening for limited release on Wednesday.

Simone: The last thing once-great director Viktor Taransky (Al Pacino) needed was the female lead of his

comeback picture to quit his movie, leaving him without a hope and without a star. It seems he is doomed until a computer genius leaves him his creation, Simone, an artificial actress who can do anything and everything, including become a bigger hassle than anyone in Hollywood. The movie also stars Catherine Keener and Jason Schwartzman.

The actual identity of Simone is being kept a mystery, with the credits listing Simone as herself, while the rumor is she is really played by the relatively unknown model-actress Rachel Roberts. *Simone* is rated PG-13 and opens Friday.

The Tuxedo: Hong Kong action God Jackie Chan stars as Jimmy Tong, a cabby who dons his rich boss's tuxedo only to find that there is more to the tux than fabric and champagne stains.

The tuxedo propels him into the world of secret agents, with a bumbling co-agent played by Jennifer Love Hewitt. This comedy is rated PG-13 and opens Sept. 27.

The Ring: A new twist on urban legends is the central point of this movie, as a videotape rumored to bring death to anyone who watches it after seven days.

Journalist Rachel Keller (Naomi Watts) must figure out the mystery of the tape before her time is up. This remake of a 1998 Japanese film opens Oct. 18, and is unrated so far.

Six new fall series that could be hits

MIKE DUFFY

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Hits, misses or in between? Here are six new fall season series that could connect with viewers.

CSI Miami (CBS, 10 p.m. Mondays): The closest thing to a sure bet for success. Talented and humbled *NYPD Blue vet David Caruso stars in this spin-off of TV's hottest crime drama.

American Dreams (NBC, 8 p.m. Sundays): Get these feel-good musical memories. A sentimental family drama set in 1963 Philadelphia follows a teen-age girl who dreams of dancing on *American Bandstand.

Without a Trace (CBS, 10 p.m. Thursdays): Anthony LaPaglia heads a talented ensemble cast in this crime drama that traces the cases of the FBI's Missing Persons Bureau. This stylish psychological

thriller may actually put some heat on *ER.

Good Morning, Miami (NBC, 9:30 p.m. Thursdays): Time-slot lottery winner. This behind-the-scenes workplace romantic comedy, set in a south Florida happy-talk morning show, will be an automatic viewer magnet just by sitting between *Will & Grace and *ER.

Everwood (WB, 9 p.m. Mondays): Treat Williams stars as a workaholic New York surgeon who gets a wake-up call with the death of his wife and moves his family to a small town in Colorado. A little *Gilmore Girls with a bit of *7th Heaven warmth.

Push, Nevada (ABC, 9 p.m. Thursdays): Quirk alert. The one truly offbeat new series is a giddily stylized mystery. It also offers an Internet game in which viewers piece together clues to win a \$1 million prize. And an IRS agent is the show's hero?! Think *Twin Peaks* Lite.

Enthusiasts want video game degree

TODD HILLIARD

DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS-AUSTIN)

Video games may someday provide more than hours of entertainment for University of Texas students. Video game enthusiasts, who were on the campus last week for the Game Development Workshop '02, hope the university will create an undergraduate degree program specifically for game design.

Aaron "T-Bone" Thibault, founder of Dynamo Pictures, said his company sponsored the conference to encourage a game degree.

The proposed gaming degree is still in the idea phase, but Brad Zehner, director of the Masters of Science in Science and Technology Commercialization program within the IC2 Institute, said he is also exploring a new program.

"I'm trying to find out how much money people will spend and how long they would be willing to go to school for a program like this," Zehner said. "Something like this is a really intense commitment."

Alex Cavalli, the deputy director for

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IC2, described the institute as an "intermediary between academia and business."

"Our mission is to use innovation and creativity to create capital," Cavalli said. "We are interested in video game design, but it is hard because a program like this doesn't fit into any colleges."

Thibault agreed.

"Video game design has elements that could fall into five different schools," he said.

Warren Spector, the founder of Ion Storm, a game development company, said he spoke at the workshop because he wants to change the way video games are made.

"I came because it is vital to bring game education into the university,"

Spector said. "It would mean better-trained designers and a better-educated group of consumers."

Sean Jennings, a high school student from Cedar Park High School, said he came to the workshop because he wants to work somewhere in the video game industry.

Jennings said that if the university offered a game design program he would want to attend.

The workshop, which is co-sponsored by the IC2 Institute, E-Learning and Training Labs, Dynamo Pictures and the Capital Area Training Foundation, features speakers from companies such as Electronic Arts, Microsoft, NCSoft and Ion Storm in Austin. The workshop ended Saturday.

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Odds of coming true: 50 to 1

8. MTV2 on Cox digital cable

MTV is worthless shite. MTV2, on the other hand, is music video heaven.

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Odds of coming true: 3 to 1

9. The return of real country

The so-called country that pollutes radio waves in Omaha is nearly indistinguishable from pop music. Just add a twang here or there and you have modern country. Why not give us some country that comes from the

heart? Something like old Johnny Cash, or even (gasp!) pre-1994 Garth Brooks would be nice.

Odds of coming true: 100 to 1

10. The failure of copy-protected music

It's very scary to think that we won't be able to listen to MP3's on our computers, which is basically what some of the big record companies want. They seem to think that by making CDs impossible to copy, they will be doing the music industry a big favor. But I refuse to pay upwards of \$15 for a CD that won't even play in my computer's CD-ROM drive. That's right, you wouldn't even be able to listen to a CD on your computer. Thankfully, should copy-protected music become the norm, computer geeks will undoubtedly come up with some way to circumvent it. Hack on, you beautiful geeks!

Odds of coming true: 5 to 1

The big concert update

RAE LICARI

COPY EDITOR

OMAHA:

08/28 The Good Life — Sokol Underground
09/01 Milemarker — Sokol Underground
09/05 Tool — Civic Auditorium
09/06 The Nadas — Music Box
09/09 Southern Bitch — Ranch Bowl
09/10 Atmosphere — Sokol Underground
09/12 Spoon — Sokol Underground
09/13 Q and Not U — Sokol Underground
09/19 And You Will Know Us by the Trail of Dead — Sokol Underground
09/20 Blue October — Music Box
09/22 Luna — Music Box

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08/27 George Clinton and Parliament/Funkadelic — Rococo Theatre
08/30 Poison — State Fair
09/01 The Good Life — Duffy's
09/03 Blues Traveler — Rococo Theatre
09/05 Willie Nelson — Lied Center
09/10 Bright Eyes — Rococo Theatre
09/12 Gooding — Knickerbockers
09/20 Shaking Tree — Rococo Theatre
09/21 Blue October — Knickerbockers
09/27 Houston — Haymarket Hideaway

DES MOINES, Iowa:

09/05 Dazy Head Mazy — House of Bricks
09/22 The Righteous Brothers — Civic Center

LAWRENCE, Kan.:

08/27 Blues Traveler — Abe and Jake's Landing
09/06 Deadsy — Bottleneck
09/09 Girls Against Boys — Bottleneck
09/10 Voodoo Glow Skulls — Bottleneck
09/16 Six Feet Under — Bottleneck
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.
08/29 Shiner — 400 Bar
08/30 Injected — Quest Club
09/03 Deadsy — Quest Club
09/06 Doves — Quest Club
09/06 Drums & Tuba — The Entry
09/07 Girls Against Boys — 7th Street Entry
09/12 Bright Eyes — First Avenue
09/15 Olivia Newton-John — Orpheum Theatre
09/15 Cher — Target Center
09/16 Jucifer — 7th Street Entry
09/17 Sevendust — Quest Club
09/18 Karl Denson's Tiny Universe — First Avenue
09/18 And You Will Know Us by the Trail of Dead — Quest Club

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08/31 Dolly Parton — Uptown Theatre
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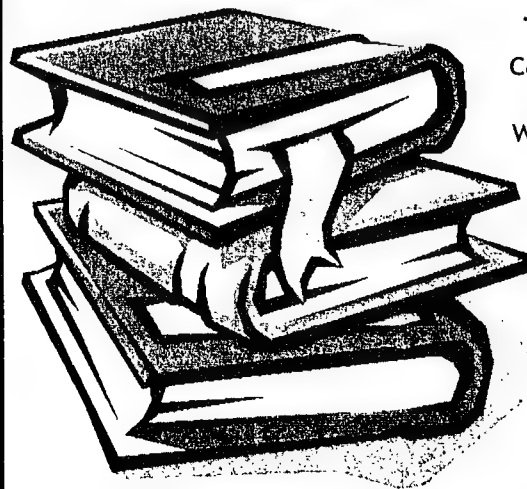
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Some of the best non-porn sites on the World Wide Web

MIKE MACHIAN

ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Hailed as the biggest invention since the printing press, the Internet was supposed to revolutionize our society. So far, the two things that come to most minds with the mention of the Internet are pornography and Web sites devoted to *Buffy The Vampire Slayer*.

But if you look in the right places, you will get much more than this out of the Net. Thanks to the work of tireless geeks who make more money than I ever will, we now have Web sites that allow the Internet live up to its (non-porn) potential.

Ever wonder which late show host made a cameo in *Cabin Boy* or how much Marlon Brando got paid for his 10 minutes in *Superman*? The Internet Movie Data Base knows.

Located at www.IMDB.com, the database has everything you never knew you wanted to know about movies. Everything is covered, including credits, soundtrack, bios, trivia and goofs. After a few hours you will know more useless trivia about popular movies than anyone will want to hear.

Now matter how hard he tries, Ted Koppel can't make the news funny. Fortunately, there are people who can.

The Onion, an online newspaper (found strangely enough at www.theonion.com) accomplishes just that. With headlines to such stories as Christ's return to the NBA and "Study: Children of divorce twice as likely to write bad poetry," *The Onion* has got it all covered. Sure, it may not be the most accurate picture of world events, but let's face it, *USA Today* is getting depressing.

This is one of those cases where ignorance is bliss.

One of the best ways to do research is to look at the source documents. Sometimes they can be difficult to get but The Smoking Gun makes it easy.

The site, located at — you guessed it, www.thesmokinggun.com—contains copies of many official documents, some of them public record, some not. Many times pictures (mug shots, crime scene photos) are provided as well.

Some of the interesting items you can see on the site are the police reports from Kurt Cobain and Layne Staley's deaths, Mike Piazza's pay check and backstage riders from groups like the Who, Nine Inch Nails and The Bloodhound Gang.

You can even see the actual judge's decision in Anna Nicole Smith's fight over her late husband's money (now your paper on Anna Nicole Smith will have a little more credibility to it). Of course, if you are writing a paper on Anna Nicole Smith, you probably shouldn't be in college.

The Smoking Gun's archives aren't just related to celebrities. Stupid things normal people have done also make an appearance. There was the surgeon who left the operating room during surgery to cash a check or the 6-foot man who tried to disguise himself as a woman when police raided the home he was staying in.

So whether you're doing an assignment and need some research or are just bored and need to kill a few hours, surf the Net and visit these and other interesting Web sites — you never know what you'll find.

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Coach optimistic about Cross-Country season

CHIP Q. SEN
STAFF WRITER

A veteran team plus five new recruits keep UNO cross country coach Tim Hendricks optimistic about this season.

That optimism stems from last year's sixth-place showing in the North Central Conference Championships in South Dakota and an eighth-place finish at the NCAA II Regionals, held in Omaha.

"I hate to be a skeptic," Hendricks said, "but I think we're going to be tough."

With a roster of 12 girls, four of whom are seniors, the lady Mav team is posed to make a run at its conference.

Hendricks, who is going into his 17th year as head coach, said Michelle Ellingson is the girl everyone is "gunning for" this season.

Ellingson is fifth on UNO's all-time 5,000 meter record with a time of 18 minutes and 16 seconds. She was named the NCC Athlete of the Week for her second-place performance at the Briar Cliff Invitational as well as All-NCC Academic last season.

Hendricks said Ellingson will break the 18-minute barrier this season, which would move her to first place on UNO's 5,000 meter record list.

He added that the squad is "deep in experience and youth" this year.

Senior Bridget Stephenson, UNO's top runner at last year's regional meet, is another girl who could have a breakthrough season,

Hendricks said.

Sophomore Melissa Hines also brings experience — and a second-place finish at last season's regional meet — to the team. However, a knee injury will slow her down until the middle part of the season, Hendricks said.

Freshmen Kelli Ryan and Sarah Zeisler have the potential to have big seasons, too. Ryan was one of the top recruits in the state and

Zeisler is a six-time state champion out of Butte.

This year's team is rounded out by seniors Darcy Preston and Sara Stricker, junior DeAnna Bailey, sophomore Molly Miller and freshmen Allison Gorman, Jennifer Victor and Sarah Kent, the latter of whom is a redshirt this year.

Hendricks said: "We're excited to get going and I think we're going to have a good year if we stay healthy."

The season begins at 10 a.m. Sept. 7 at the UNO Invitational at Chalco Hills.



Maverick soccer player Akeisha Varnado drives the ball deep into the opposition's territory during one of last season's closing games. Varnado and the rest of the Mav team will play their season opener Saturday against Winona State.

photo by Chris Machian

NCC tourney champs still chasing post-season bid

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Maverick head coach Don Klosterman and the UNO soccer team enter their 2002 season with two consecutive North Central Conference tournament championships, zero NCAA tournament bids and an eye on improving both numbers in the upcoming year.

"It is something that has nagged us a bit, but it has not changed our approach at all," Klosterman said. "We have a competitive group of kids and they know that this can be the year that we show the NCAA that UNO deserves to be in the regional tournament. One of the things the team has learned is that every game is important and we have to approach it as such, especially the regional games."

Klosterman's team has won the NCC postseason tournament each of the past two years, but has yet to be selected to advance to the NCAA regional tournament.

Six high school recruits and two college transfers join the Mavericks this season. Ashley Grace, a Blair High School graduate, joins UNO from Northwestern College (Iowa) while 2000 Omaha Marian grad Anne Willrett returns to Omaha after transferring from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Freshmen Amy Price, Meghan Pile, Stephanie Balkovec, Jane Splittgerber and Rebecca Fritz signed letters of intent with the Mavs in the spring.

Midfielder Stephanie Kirby said the Mavs' youth made it hard to judge the prospects for the upcoming season.

"It's hard to tell with such a young team," Kirby said. "It's tough to predict just how the season is going to turn out. We have a lot of talent and athleticism, but it

will come down to how well and how quickly we can gel as a team."

Alongside UNO's additions, however, the off-season was not without its losses. Forwards Brandy McSorley and Katie Hobbs will not return to the team. McSorley is academically ineligible for the 2002 season while Hobbs left the Mavericks for undisclosed personal reasons. In addition, defender Jenna Smith transferred to William Jewell College and midfielder Jessica Butler joined the coaching staff as a volunteer assistant coach.

Klosterman said his current roster of players is among the best he has seen in the program.

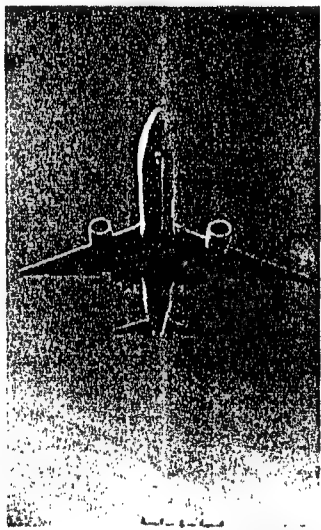
"This season could be a very good season," Klosterman said. "It looks like, on paper at least, this is one of our best groups of players. We added a bit of size with our freshman recruits and our transfers and I think there will be three or four players who can come in right away and contribute. We don't recruit players to come in and sit on the bench, we want players who can come in and play. Playing time will be wide open this season."

Klosterman said this season's NCC competition could be the tightest it has ever been and noted the international recruiting efforts of some schools.

"Northern Colorado and Minnesota-Mankato are always among the best in the conference and this year I think everyone in the NCC will be much improved," Klosterman said. "Everybody seems to have done a good job in picking up players. South Dakota State could be very good this year as they went to the conference tournament last year plus they picked up some quality players from abroad."

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Conference poses opposition to vball team

LEIA BAEZ
STAFF WRITER

With the toughest conference in the nation, the UNO volleyball team has a long road ahead of them. The North Central Conference has continued to become more competitive every season.

"We will have five teams in our conference ranked in the top ten of the country," UNO head coach Rose Shires said.

Last season the UNO volleyball team finished seventh out of nine teams in the NCC with a 5-13 record. North Dakota State finished first last season with a 17-1 conference record and was named North Central Conference Champions for the third time in the past four seasons.

The North Dakota State Bison return three starters and a strong support crew from last year's team. NDSU is ranked eighth in the AVCA Division Top 25 and is the favorite of league coaches to win the NCC title again.

"Once again there are many great young players and experienced vets leading numerous teams," North Dakota State Head coach Zaundra Bina said. "It should be an outstanding conference

race."

South Dakota State is second in the 2002 NCC volleyball preseason coaches poll. Last season SDSU won the NCC regional tournament and advanced to the finals of the NCAA Elite Eight before falling to Barry.

Augustana was third in the poll and Minnesota State-Mankato was fourth. However, the preseason poll is based on last year's records and statistics.

"This poll is difficult to predict," MSM head coach Doug Tully said. "All the teams have so much talent."

All of the NCC teams have the opportunity and talent to win this year's title.

"The conference really has reloaded to have a great number of teams that could make a run," Northern Colorado head coach Ron Alexander said.

Shires knows the competition in the NCC will be a challenge for her young team, but she still remains confident and optimistic.

"We want to be one of the top five teams in our conference," Shires said. "We intend to be there and go get [the NCC title]."

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Postponements reduced the Mavericks' preseason run-up from three full matches to one. Scheduled scrimmages against Southwest Baptist and Baker University were both abandoned, leaving the Mavs with a match at Division I Drake University.

Akeisha Varnado had the lone goal of the first half, scoring in the 12th minute to put UNO up 1-0. Kirby, Stephanie Kruse and Lisa Ayers each tallied goals in the second half to set the final scoreline at 4-0. Goalkeepers Michelle Villanueva and Price

combined to shut out the Bulldogs.

Kirby said she thought the schedule changes were not having an adverse effect on the Mavs' preparations.

"We're a pretty good practice team," Kirby said. "The level of play at our practices is just as good as most of the teams we could play right now. We won't really be able to tell anything until the real season starts on Saturday."

Winona State will travel to Omaha on Saturday for UNO's season opener. The meeting will be the second match-up between the two after the Mavs won 3-1 last season in Minnesota.

Maverick sports notes

BRIAN BRASHAW
SPORTS EDITOR

•Discounted hockey tickets will go on sale on Sept. 5. Students who had tickets last season can renew tickets on that day, starting at 10 a.m. New season ticket packages for student go on sale Sept. 6. The tickets run \$303.50 for all tickets in the third tier and include all home games, the Maverick Stampede and playoff tickets. Second tier season tickets run \$50 more and first tier \$100 more. That price is a 50 percent savings from the normal ticket packages and is only available to students. Individual game tickets can be bought Sept. 16-20 at a 20 percent student discount. Tickets at the games will run \$11.50, \$13.50 and \$15.50 apiece.

•Two of UNO's hockey recruits for the upcoming season were drafted into the National Hockey League in the draft last April. Joel Andersen, a defenseman from St. Albert, Alberta, was selected by the Los Angeles Kings in the fifth round (157th pick overall) and Kaleb Betts, a forward from Maple Ridge, British Columbia, went to Nashville in the eighth round (235th pick overall). Betts, however, was ruled as a partial academic qualifier for the 2002-03 season by the NCAA, meaning he cannot play competitively for UNO this year. Betts will be able to practice with the team during the year and is enrolled for fall classes. Last year Betts racked up 35 goals and 37 assists for Chilliwack of the British Columbia Hockey League.

•The hockey program announced Aug.

21 that Bryce Lampman has left the team for a career in the National Hockey League. Lampman was drafted in 2001 by the New York Rangers in the fourth round. He played in 26 games for UNO as a freshman last season and had four assists. Lampman was one of six Mavericks on the current roster drafted by the NHL.

•Jeff Hoggan, who played four years with UNO, signed a free-agent contract with the Minnesota Wild. Hoggan went through rookie camp in the offseason hoping for a roster spot. If either Hoggan or Lampman play in the NHL this season, they would be the first Maverick to do so since the club's inception in 1996.


UNO Hockey begins its 2002-2003 campaign on Oct. 6 in an annual exhibition against Manitoba.

•Maverick men's basketball coach Kevin McKenna signed a new four-year deal to stay with UNO. McKenna led the Mavericks to a second-place finish in the North Central Conference last year.

•Mav hockey team members will undergo a week of physical testing before beginning practice this week. Transfers Ryan Bennett (LSSU) and Jason Krichuk (Colorado College) join the team this season the help out the Maverick lines.

•Jess Holland, returning running back for the Maverick football team is not academically eligible for this coming season. Holland is enrolled for the fall semester.

•Travis Moten, suffering from a recurring heart problem, is not going to be cleared to play football this season.



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Live wire: Summer sports recap

COLUMN BY
BRIAN BRASHAW
SPORTS EDITOR

In case the ridiculous heat fried your brain over the summer, and you forgot what newsworthy events went on, fear not. I have all the

highlights of everything you should know and may have missed.

Heroic Feet

Lance Armstrong is nothing less than super-human. There are no words worthy of his accomplishments; thus I admonish you to take a slow pause to reflect.

Major League's Major Bust

It was bad enough that the entire season started out with labor talks and an impending strike. Ken Griffey's rep gets sullied, steroids run rampant, Sosa is an accused man, the All-Star game ends in a tie, contraction remains imminent and Ted Williams gets frozen in a hokey ending to an amazing life. Where's the silver lining? God Bless the Minnesota Twins. In first again, and here's hoping they stay there. At least until Selig calls in the replacements. The national pastime has passed its prime.

Boxing Debacles

Mike Tyson wiped his own blood off the face of Lennox Lewis after Lewis craftily beat it out of him. Then Tyson kissed Lewis' mum on the cheek. The first bit of class the fighter has shown since ... birth. Still Tyson is scum, Lewis is boring and the only boxing I will be tempted to watch the next 10 years is old Ali reruns.

In related ring news, Eric Esch posted a knockout victory over a boxing relic on July 27. Fans may know Esch better as "Butterbean" and the relic better as 52-year-old grandpa of four Larry Holmes. Fat Man and Father Time in

the ring. Hey, it beats celebrity boxing ... or does it?

Hook'em Horns

Texas represents the Big 12 well and wins the College World Series, while Nebraska doesn't represent and goes two-and-out for the second straight year. I predict Nebraska won't see Rosenblatt for at least another two years. The worst part is now that the Huskers have arrived in baseball, the uneducated fans will expect this from the Big Red every year, just like they expect a football national championship every year. Look for 10-3 in football and maybe a super-regional in baseball. Meanwhile Texas could be the ones looking at national championships in both sports.

On a side note, Husker fans don't enjoy being called uneducated, but while working at Rosenblatt during the CWS, I was asked when halftime was, more than once, by Husker fans. I rest my case.

Speaking of Ridiculous

Don't get me wrong, I think little league is as cute as everyone else (gag me), but when ESPN and the "Deuce" show more air time love to 12-year-olds than college hockey players, you got to ask who's running the show in Bristol.

One more note, if you happen to be the unlucky jackball who catches a homerun ball that sets some record, get a lawyer, chances are someone else will say they have claim to it. As one *Sports Illustrated* reader pointed out, it's too bad that Barry Bonds didn't hit his 600th in Chicago, where the fans throw visitor homers back.

Look for new and improved versions of *Live wire* coming this fall.

Volleyball team's experience will make for a successful season

LEIA BAEZ
STAFF WRITER

UNO's volleyball head coach Rose Shires is surrounded by optimism. Even without two-time All-American Nikki Mastny returning, Shires is confident in her team's experience for the 2002 season.

"Everybody but the four freshmen has at least 32 matches experience," Shires said. "So there is a tremendous amount of experience."

After finishing in seventh place in the North Central Conference in 2001, UNO looks to improve and build on a winning tradition.

As the only senior on the team this season, middle blocker Jewelina Grennan from Columbus leads the Mavs.

Last season Grennan led the team compiling 343 kills and 81 total blocks. She was second on the squad with 276 digs and 29 service aces. Grennan was selected to the NCC all-conference and NCC academic all-conference team in 2001.

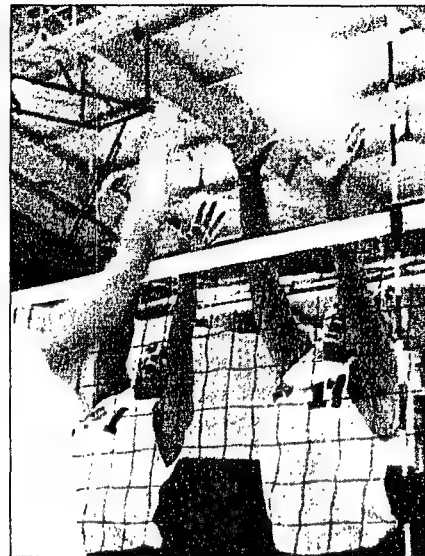
Junior setter Kylie Lebeda will also play a key role in the 2002 season. Lebeda led the team with 1,061 set assists and ranked eighth in the North Central Conference with 10.42 assists per game last season.

Sophomore middle blocker Alyssa Matthes will be one of the team's go-to hitters this season. Matthes proved to be a well-rounded player last season as she led the Mavs with a .282 hitting percentage and was second on the team with 77 total blocks. She also recorded double-figure kills in 13 matches and double-figure digs in 12 matches.

After redshirting in 2001 due to hip surgery, sophomore Heather Van Ackeren returns to add depth defensively. Van Ackeren recorded 703 digs and 33 service aces in 2000.

Shires has no doubts about the capabilities of the recruiting class. New to the UNO volleyball team is middle blocker Ashley Freeman of Council Bluffs, Iowa, setter Christie Johnson of Lincoln, outside hitter Chelsea Miller of Aurora and middle blocker Briana Ritter of Elkhorn.

"All four players in the recruiting class could step on the floor as starters," Shires said. "They are top-quality players and top-quality



Briana Ritter (left) and Jewelina Grennan block a hit during a recent practice. The team is preparing for a tournament Labor Day weekend

athletes that will help us right away."

The UNO volleyball team is among some of the toughest competition in the country playing in the stacked NCC.

"Our conference is the toughest conference in the nation," Shires said.

But even with a competitive schedule and last season's 6-22 record, Shires has set high goals for the team.

"We will have five teams in our conference ranked in the Top 10 in the country," Shires said. "We want to be one of those five teams."

In the 2002 North Central Conference Volleyball preseason coaches' poll, UNO was ranked sixth under Northern Colorado. North Dakota State was picked as the favorite to win this year's NCC title after winning the conference crown last year.

The Mav team begins its season by hosting a Labor Day weekend tournament. The Mavericks open with Adams State and will play four games in two days to start the 2002 campaign. The event will be held at the Sapp Field House starting Aug. 30.

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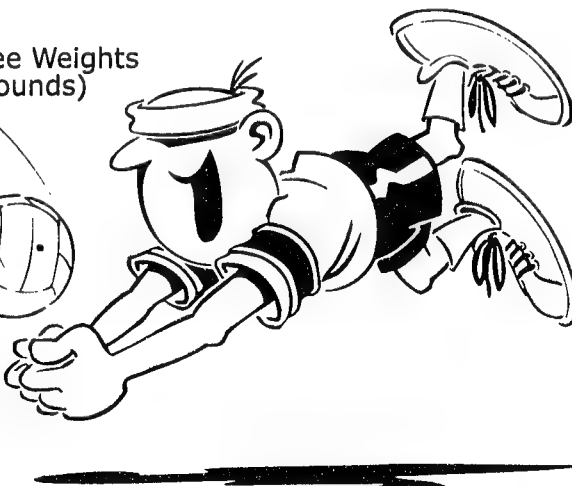
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Running back Jeremy Anderson tries to break away from lineman Corey Petersen during the UNO scrimmage.

Year of the Maverick

BRIAN BRASHAW
SPORTS EDITOR

Every other year it happens. It happened in 1996, 1998, 2000. Will it happen in 2002? Some think so.

The Maverick football team takes the field for their first game in just two days against University of Nebraska at Kearney, yet their goals for the season are a conference title, which is what has happened every year.

Theories abound over why it is UNO claims at least part of the North Central Conference crown and most revolve around a favorable home schedule. This is the year UNO hosts North Dakota, North Dakota State and Northern Colorado, the three teams that offer solid competition for the title. These three are among six home games the Mavericks have this year.

Offensively the Mavericks have weapons that other teams just can't defend against. When camp opened, UNO had four running backs with starting experience. With Jess Holland being academically ineligible, three remain. But those three are dangerous.

Johnnie Nolen leads the core and runs the option system well. His chemistry with quarterback Trey Guidry has improved in the offseason and is key to the team's success.

"Our offense is so stable every year that it fits the mold that our program is," head coach Pat Behms said.

While Guidry appears to be the starter, freshman Brian Masek has made an impact during the spring and will no doubt see playing time during the year.

"There's no question he has a chance to start," Behms said. "If you think about it, wouldn't it be exciting to have a guy start for four years?"

Defense is still the backbone to the offensive firepower. But Behms is hopeful Rasmussen can come back strong.

"Think how that devastates a person," Behms said. "But Buck is strong and should make a good comeback."

The schedule is difficult, including defending national champion North Dakota. But UNO has had the defending national champion on its schedule four of the past five years, and with the big games on Caniglia Field, UNO remains optimistic.

UNO was ranked by the coaches as the No. 2 team in the conference, behind North Dakota. The national polls have also been friendly. The AFCA ranked the Mavericks 11th in the country and UNK No. 25. D2Football.com ranked UNO No. 18. Three NCC teams are ranked in the polls, the others being North Dakota (No. 2, No. 5) and Northern Colorado (No. 15 in D2.com). Behms revels in the challenge.

"It's something we're going to fight for, and we have a chance, as do many other teams. But that's what makes it enjoyable."

The Raf Report: College football prognostications

RAF CZARNECKI
STAFF WRITER

Memo to Bud Selig: college football is here, go away.

The college lads are back to tossin' around the old pigskin and crackin' helmets, so now's the time to pull the plug on those body builders, err, I mean baseball players' shameless excuse for a season. It's time to allow sports fans the enjoyment of watching the best sport in all the land, week in and week out, without having to worry about whether Barry Bonds' "creatine" supply is still holding strong.

With that out of the way, welcome back students, faculty, staff, alumni and whoever else has the pleasure of having a few free minutes on their hands.

It's been a long, hectic summer of sleeping in until the wee hours of the afternoon while juggling a few summer courses and a full-time job. However, with the much appreciated help of a few friends named Bud and Light, I managed to come out of the summer in top notch condition, just in time to put together

something we in the world of sports entertainment like to call: The only college football preview that matters.

Allow me to break out the Top 5:

Five Teams that are better than the other 112

1. **Texas** - This has to be Mack Brown's year to win "The Big One." He's got the best set of receivers in the country, a stud running back, the hands down best recruiting class and a solid defense led by freak (remember this name) middle linebacker Derrick Johnson. Maybe Chris Simms will even find the guys in the orange jerseys come Big 12 Championship time.

2. **Florida State** - A year after going an un-Seminole-like 8-4, look for the Noles to rebound nicely. With returning, healthy talent loaded on both sides of the ball, QB Chris Rix should have no problems getting his squad back atop the college football world.

3. **Miami** - Half their team went pro, but other than that, the defending champs are sittin' pretty. Reloading is fun. There's not a linebacking duo in the country that compares to

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Editor's football picks: Mavs No. 1 in NCC

BRIAN BRASHAW
SPORTS EDITOR

The North Central Conference is home to the defending Division II football National Champion. North Dakota claimed the title last season with an amazing 17-14 victory over Grand Valley State. The Fighting Sioux finished 14-1 on the year, with their only loss coming at the hand of UNO. The Mavericks, with a favorable schedule, have received honors by both the conference area media and coaches, however North Dakota has been picked by both to win the conference. Here are the NCC capsules for the 2002 season arranged by writer-prediction order.

1. **UNO** — The Mavericks are straight stacked on both sides of the ball. Two solid running backs lead a core offense that has become accustomed to running the option at will. Trey Guidry has experience as a starting quarterback, and if the situation arises freshman hopeful Brian Masek can bring a passing attack not seen at UNO in a while. On defense, the Mavericks are experienced and strong from the line out. The only area of concern could be at linebacker depending on the addition of a certain player whose fate is yet undetermined. If nothing else, the Mavericks have karma, winning the NCC every even numbered year since 1996.

2. **Northern Colorado** — Hosting North Dakota is a major reason to choose the Bears second. They do travel to North Dakota State and UNO but UNC should only finish with one or two losses. Quarterback Mark Passard is set to lead the team he played back up for the last two seasons. Passard has shown poise in his appearances, saving the Bears in last year's

final game against New Haven. He showed guts in the game as well plunging one-yard through a mess of bodies for the winning touchdown. Tyler Hawkins anchors the running attack. Hawkins racked up several 100-yard rushing games and a school record 225-yard performance against South Dakota State. The defense isn't half bad either.

3. **North Dakota** — Blasphemy picking the defending national champions to finish third in their own conference. Tough. With away games at Northern Colorado, UNO and North Dakota State, the Fighting Sioux will have a hard time not losing at least two of those games. With only three starters from the offense returning, the Sioux will attempt to re-find its forward soul. The good news is that Kelby Klosterman is back for his senior year but whom will he throw to? The defense is still tough and poses obstacles for running offenses in particular. UND ranked second in the nation in rushing defense, fifth in passing. All positions have game-experienced returners. A return to the national championship game ... unlikely.

4. **North Dakota State** — It's really a toss up between state and UND. Only the defending national champion title puts UND ahead. A strong home schedule is key and could push the Bison as high as second in the conference. Top rusher Lamar Gordon is now in the big leagues and gone also is Bison second leading rusher DeShawn Perkins. Starting QB Graig Gorder is back though. The Bison are seriously lacking seniors, especially on offense, but the FargoDome is nothing to mess with.

5-8 are coin flips, if they only made a four-sided coin ...

5. **Augustana** — A losing record in the

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AFC Pro football preseason capsules

BRIAN BRASHAW
SPORTS EDITOR

Realignment for the National Football League juggles things around a bit. Seattle is now in the NFC and the Houston Texans enter the picture hoping not to be the whipping boy that most expansion teams end up as. (Teams are listed in order of predicted finish in each division.)

AFC East: Division home of the Super Bowl champs. Won't be by the second round of the playoffs.

Miami Dolphins — If Ricky Williams can fight the demons, the Dolphins may have their first honest rushing attack threat since Larry Czonka. If Jay Fiedler can stay healthy and consistent and the offense meshes well with Williams, the Dolphins look to remain around the 11-5 mark and again contend for the division title. Yet if you noticed, there are lots of ifs in the equation.

New York Jets — New York was solid at 10-6 last season, a record that should remain steady. No real strong gains or loses in the offseason, but a core of Vinny Testaverde and Curtis Martin should have the Jets contending.

New England Patriots — Defending Super Bowl champions. Gut reaction, still a fluke. The Pats skated by in a handful of games on the toe of Adam Vinatieri, don't look for them to be in as many games come crunch time. Third place isn't out of the question. But neither is first.

Buffalo Bills — Off a 3-13 season in which they found themselves at the bottom of the AFC East, the Bills have picked up Drew Bledsoe from New England, which is key. Still the Bills are probably still a last place team in a fairly

tough division.

AFC North: Two words, Steelers win.

Pittsburgh Steelers — The steel city couldn't have wished themselves in an easier position to win a division crown. With the acquisition of Terance Mathis, quarterback Kordell Stewart now has a growing list of weapons at his disposal. And the Bus is sure to run people over while picking up plenty of yards.

Baltimore Ravens — Don't count the Ravens out of this one. The addition of Jeff Blake at quarterback gives the Ravens a consistency they've ever had. Strong defense could be the X-factor in a handful of games. Bad news is that the Ravens have lost some quality talent including Jamie Sharper, Jermaine Lewis, Shannon Sharpe, Rod Wooson and Tony Siragusa. Baltimore makes the playoffs, and becomes the Edmonton Oilers of the NFL. Not great, but dangerous.

Cincinnati Bengals — Fans are expecting big things from the Bengals this year. Of course, that has been the case since the last Bengals playoff appearance in 1991. While they could come close, it simply won't happen. No support for loyal back Corey Dillon means maybe an 8-8 season.

Cleveland Browns — Don't you just feel terrible for Cleveland. They get their team stripped from them and a couple years later they win a Super Bowl as the Baltimore Ravens. Then they get their team back, and haven't seen a winning season yet. Remain patient Dog Pound, Tim Couch's time is coming, but not this year.

AFC South: Not one of the teams in

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UNO golfers embark on roster spot race

CHIP Q. SEN
STAFF WRITER

UNO women's golf coach Melissa Brooks has the number six on her mind.

That's the number of girls that can travel this year with the team. And with a full roster of 11 talented players, Brooks said she has some tough decisions to make.

"This first week of practice is going to be a knockdown, drag-out for the travel squad," Brooks said.

With just four days to establish who will pack their bags, the coach said that summer play is a major factor for determining which girls get the nod.

The girls that "stepped up to the plate this summer and proved that they were ready to go" will get the call, Brooks said.

To make things even more difficult, Brooks has to trim that number to five once conference play begins Oct. 4 at Ironwood Country Club, the team's home course.

"We really get down to the nitty-gritty with conference," she said.

Last season, as a young squad, the team finished third in the North Central Conference tournament and with many returning faces, this season looks just as bright.

Juniors Katie Etter and Stephanie Oster, both from Omaha, are two of the top players on the team. Brooks said their leadership is well established and she expects big seasons from both. However, she is looking for sophomore Tanis Hastmann from Winnipeg, Manitoba, to make an impact this year, too.

Last season, as a freshman, Hastmann won the conference championship and was third team All-American, the first for the program, which is in its third year.

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Meet the NCC

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The following is a list of teams that the UNO athletic teams will be competing against regularly during the year, along with some facts about them.

The NCC was founded in 1921 and joined the NCAA in 1949. The conference has won 38 team national championships and 268 individual national titles.

A 10-member institution last year, Morningside College has dropped to NAIA, bringing the conference down to nine members.

There are 20 conference titles that the NCC awards, along with an all-sport trophy to the college that has excelled above all others in the sports year. South Dakota State won the men's trophy last year and North Dakota won the women's.

Augustana College

Nickname: Vikings
Location: Sioux Falls, S.D.
Enrollment: 1,700
Metro Population: 172,000+
Year Joined the NCC: 1942
National Championships: Softball 1991.

Minnesota State-Mankato

Location: Mankato, Minn.
Nickname: Mavericks
Enrollment: 11,700+
Metro Population: 59,000+
Years Joined the NCC: 1968 & 1981
National Championships: Cross Country 1988.
*Competes in Division I hockey in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association.

UNO

Location: Omaha
Nickname: Mavericks
Enrollment: 15,000+
Metro Population: 717,000+
Years Joined the NCC: 1934 & 1976
National Championships: Wrestling 1991, Volleyball 1996, Softball 2001.

North Dakota

Location: Grand Forks, N.D.
Nickname: Fighting Sioux
Enrollment: 10,400
Metro Population: 103,181
Year Joined the NCC: 1921, founding institute
National Championships: Men's Basketball 1997, 1998 and 1999. Football 2001.
*Competes in Division I hockey in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association.

North Dakota State

Location: Fargo, N.D.
Nickname: Bison
Enrollment: 9,700
Metro Population: 153,296
Year Joined the NCC: 1921, founding institute
National Championships: Men's Cross Country 1972. Football 1965, 1968, 1969, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1988 and 1990. Women's Basketball 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996. Softball 2000. Indoor Track and Field 2002.

Northern Colorado

Location: Greeley, Colo.
Nickname: Bears
Enrollment: 10,800
Metro Population: 131,821
Year Joined the NCC: 1981

National Championships: Football 1996 and 1997.

St. Cloud State

Location: St. Cloud, Minn.
Nickname: Huskies
Enrollment: 15,000
Metro Population: 167,392
Year Joined the NCC: 1981
National Championships: None
*Competes in Division I hockey in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association.

South Dakota

Location: Vermillion, S.D.
Nickname: Coyotes
Enrollment: 7,317
Metro Population: 16,684
Year Joined the NCC: 1921, founding institute
National Championships: Men's Basketball 1958. Men's Cross Country 1997.

South Dakota State

Location: Brookings, S.D.
Nickname: Jackrabbits
Enrollment: 8,635
Metro Population: 28,588
Year Joined the NCC: 1921, founding institute
National Championships: Women's Cross Country 1981, Men's Basketball 1963. Men's Cross Country 1959, 1973, 1985, 1989 and 1996.



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NCC is not what coach Jim Heinitz had in mind last season, but this year may be different for the Vikings. Picking them fifth, I must say is going out on a limb. But call it a hunch. None of the top offensive statistical leaders are returning for Auggie, but the defense is stacked with upperclassmen. A loss at North Dakota State is inevitable and at home against either Northern Colorado or North Dakota is also at least one loss. Where's Morningside when you need them? Still Augustana is always solid and looking to bounce back.

6. **South Dakota State** — Josh Ranek is gone and that's a huge loss. Even with Ranek the Jackrabbits went 4-4 in the conference. Ouch. The rumors are that SDSU will have no offense, but the lack of offense is made up by a descent defense. Sixth place is about right.

7. **Minnesota State-Mankato** — An all-Maverick homecoming game for MSU on Oct. 12 is a big-time event. Mankato returns every statistical leader on offense. A 3-5

conference record should improve, but MSU only has four home games.

8. **St. Cloud State** — Yawn. Sorry, getting down to the bottom here. St. Cloud State is a personal favorite. That aside, St. Cloud has a tough schedule in and out of the NCC. There is a good possibility last place isn't out of reach. However, passing threat Keith Heckendorf and top receiver Ben Nelson both return. The Huskies have a better offense than SDSU but defense is suspect.

9. **South Dakota** — A 1-7 conference record last season is a kick in the cup for the Coyotes but it was deserved. Only a surprising home win against Northern Colorado saved face. Good thing is the 'Yotes have a lot of returning "stars." Ryan Justice will lay down the law in the air and receiver Chris Mikkelsen will be under a lot of airborne bombs. NCC name of the year player Filip Filipovic is gone, so a new place kicker will wreak havoc. Last place is expected.

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Jonathan "I run over Cornhuskers for fun" Vilma and DJ "stronger and faster than you" Williams.

4. **Oklahoma** - Sports Illustrated placed defensive superhero Tommie Harris on their cover a few weeks back. Translation — probably not going to win a championship, but a BCS Bowl Game is where this battle-tested Sooner team should find themselves at the end of the year.

5. **Florida** - "Zook ball" is what they're calling it down in Gainesville now that Spurrier is gone and new head coach Ron Zook is calling the plays. I'll call it "let Rex Grossman throw the ball 40 times a game and the Gators might find themselves in a similar situation as they did a year ago."

Bonus five, because Top 10 polls are never trendy enough ...

Tennessee, Colorado, Georgia, Ohio State and Washington State. Arrange them however you like, know who their best players are, pretend you're as scintillating as I or just do whatever feels right.

Random thoughts are big time ...

- Michigan State, Texas A&M and Clemson are your sleepers because Charlie Roger is huge, the Aggies are due and Tommy

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Amanda Houtz from Manhattan, Kan., could be a top player this season as well. Houtz played in three of the five meets last season as a true freshman and finished 35th at last year's NCC Tournament in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Brooks would like to see a couple of sophomores, Ashley Sipe and Lindsey Herrera, mature into starting roles as well. Sipe finished 58th last year at the Briar Cliff Invitational. Herrera, from Millard North, has also caught Brook's eye.

"She's really come on strong the last

Bowden is fighting to keep his job.

- The Big 12 edges out the SEC as the pound for pound best conference in the world.

- The streak of 33 straight 9-win seasons for the Huskers is in jeopardy until late December. That's when the Big Red squeaks by Oregon State in the Suckstober.com Bowl and finishes the year with a misleading 9-5 record as 4 of the 5 Husker losses came at the hands of a better team.

- Can Marshall QB Byron Leftwich win the Heisman Trophy? How about no? Throwing for 5,000 yards and 50 touchdowns would be cool, but strength of schedule and TV time will hurt the Thundering Herdsman. Look for either Grossman or Simms to take home the award and begin their run as Heisman melters in the wonderful world of NFL mediocrity.

- And finally, the controversial one loss theory will come into play. Pay attention because it's been known to confuse — nobody will finish the year undefeated. Did you get that? I heard playoff systems work, but instead, the BCS will pin Texas and Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl as six other capable championship teams look on and tell themselves "that Raf kid knows a thing or two."

three weeks," Brooks said.

"She's been working hard on her game and I think she wants to make an impact."

The good thing about golf, Brooks said, is that the roster can change every week. So, if a girl isn't playing well in a tournament one week Brooks has the option of replacing her for the next tournament.

"No position is set in stone this year," Brooks said.

The girls' season begins Aug. 31 at the Ferris State Invitational in Big Rapids, Mich.

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the newly-formed AFC South had a winning season last year, making this the worst division with the most potential.

Indianapolis Colts — Nobody quite understands how the Colts finished 6-10 last year. With arguably one of the most talented offenses in the league, the Colts are the Bart Simpson of the NFL — underachievers. With defensive genius Tony Dungy running the show, the "D" will improve or heads will roll. Colts should win this division, possible with a 10-6 record.

Tennessee Titans — This is really a toss up between the Titans and Jags. If Eddie George can revive himself, look for good things. If not, the Titans continue to struggle. By the way, Eddie, you killed my fantasy team last year.

Jacksonville Jaguars — Can Fred Taylor come back strong to lead a team still trying to find its place? Will the rumors of Jimmy Smith's holdout have an effect on a team that is, for all intents and purposes, lost? What will come of the Jags? Does this sound like a *Scooby Doo* plot?

Houston Texans — Placed in the cellar due only to the fact they are an expansion team and history is cruel to first-year expansions. Top draft pick David Carr is being compared to Dan Marino but even Dan needed some smoothing. Solid in some positions, infantile in others, Houston will win games they aren't supposed to but will lose more often. By the way, sweet logo.

AFC West: One of the best "middle of the pack" divisions. Oakland should win, with the other three teams hovering around .500, but it will be close for second.

Oakland Raiders — I keep an Al Davis voodoo doll

close at hand in hopes it might one day work. Enough personal vendettas, let's talk Silver and Black. Tim Brown is huge, Rich Gannon is big time and Charlie Garner and Tyrone Wheatley are a deadly duo. Enough cliches, Raiders win west (unfortunately).

Denver Broncos — Brian Greise will lead the back-stacked Broncos to ... well nobody is really sure where Greise is leading them. With Terrell Davis out, Denver will rely on draftee Clinton Portis and standouts Orlando Gary and Mike Anderson. Then again, given all the backfield injuries plaguing Denver's last two campaigns, maybe not. A record or 11-5 is feasible, 9-7 is realistic.

Kansas City Chiefs — Losing receiver Derrick Alexander hurts a team already hurting. Tony Gonzalez is playing ball in hope of hoop dreams and a 6-10 season doesn't please KC fans. Thank God for Dick Vermeil. He and Trent Green should have the machine running a little more smoothly.

San Diego Chargers — With so much optimism surrounding Denver and KC, someone has to take the hit in losses. Sorry Padres, er, Chargers. I know five wins aren't hard to improve on but the schedule gods aren't being nice giving you the toughest run in the league. Fear not, by week 10 you shouldn't have to worry about a playoff run.

Look for the NFC in next Tuesday's issue.

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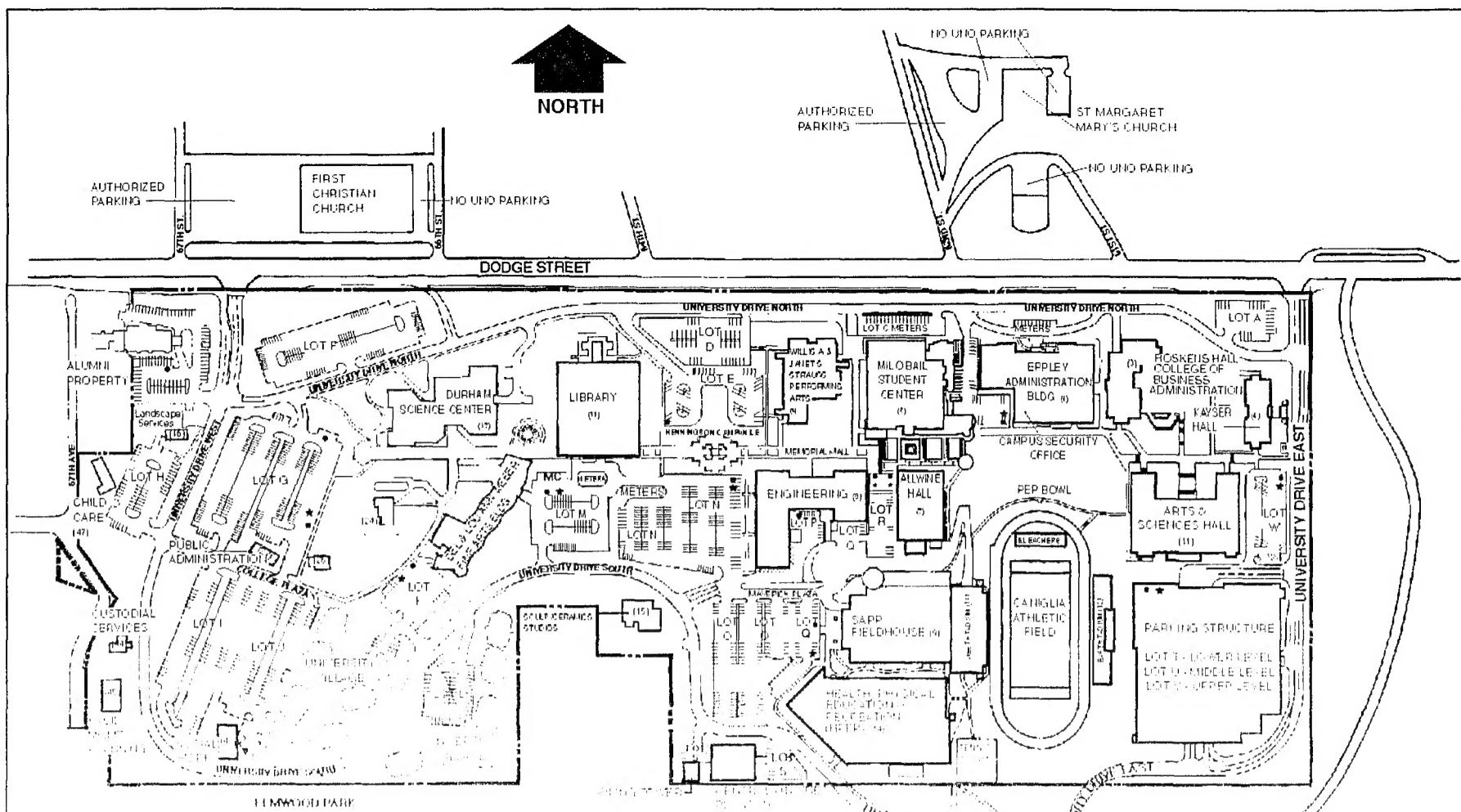
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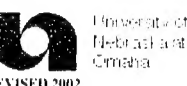
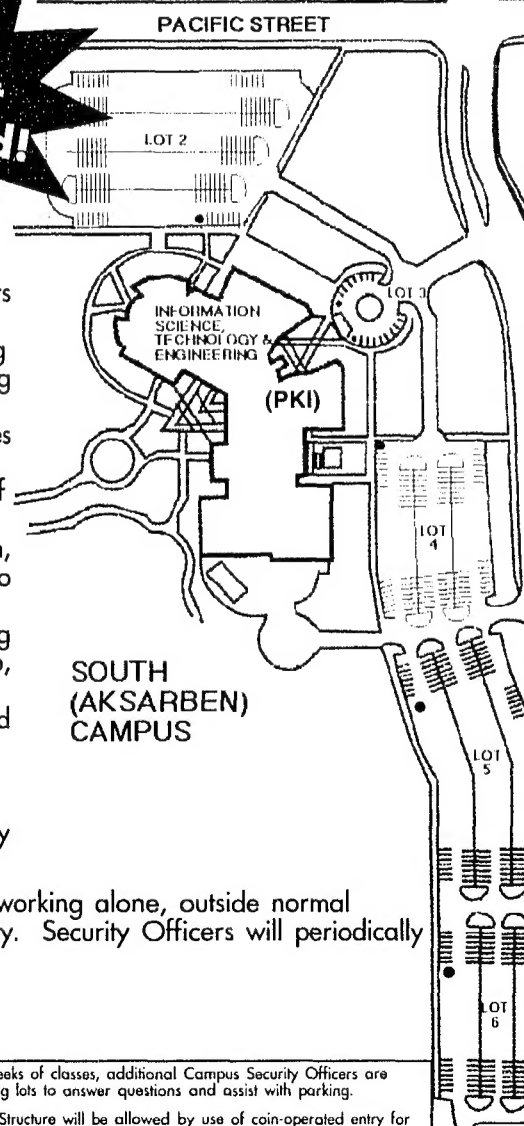
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